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11	Aaron Kenneth Anderson and Jane Marie Anderson,	Chapter 7			
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15	Vernon E. Murray in his individual capacity and as the General Partner of	Adversary No.:			
16	The Walnut Plaza, Ltd. and The Walnut Plaza, Ltd.,	Complaint To Determine Dischargeability Of Debt Pursuant To			
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18	Plaintiffs,	11 USC § 523(a)(2)(A))			
19	vs.				
20	Aaron K. Anderson, individually and				
21	doing business as Aaron K. Anderson Construction,				
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23	Defendant.  Plaintiffs Vernon F. Murray, in his i	ndividual capacity and as the General			
24	Partner of The Walnut Plaza, Ltd., and The	- · ·			
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26		sometimes referred to as Plaintiff Murray)			
27	·	t 28728 Palisades Drive, Lake Arrowhead,			
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2. Defendant and debtor Aaron K. Anderson doing business as Aaron K. Anderson Construction Company (Anderson) has his principal place of business in Lake Arrowhead, California, in the County of San Bernardino.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The within action is a core proceeding brought pursuant to 11 USC § 523(a)(2) to determine the dischargeability of a debt owing from Anderson to Plaintiffs and to except such debt from Anderson's discharge in the above-entitled bankruptcy proceeding now pending before this Court.
- 4. Jurisdiction exists under 28 USC  $\S$  157(a), (b)(1),(b)(2)(I),  $\S$  133(b) and 11 USC § 523(c) and applicable United States District Court of California General Orders.
- 5. Venue is proper within the Central District under 28 USC § 1409(a) in that Anderson's bankruptcy proceeding is pending in the Los Angeles Division, Central District of California of the United States Bankruptcy Court.
- 6. On January 24, 2020, Anderson filed the Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition which is pending.

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

- 7. On or about July 16, 2012, Plaintiff Murray, on behalf of himself and Plaintiff TWP, entered into a written agreement with Bryant Bergeson (Bergeson) to provide design, inspection and structural engineering services for a 5-story Home to be constructed on the Arrowhead Property.
- 8. On or about April 28, 2016, Anderson entered into a written agreement with Plaintiffs to serve as the general contractor for the construction of the Home pursuant to the plans and specifications of Bergeson dated February 2, 2016 and, through him, his subcontractors and other agents to construct and complete in an

excellent workman-like manner the improvements on the Home as specified by Plaintiff Murray. Anderson further agreed to inspect the construction at each phase of completion and provide written reports to Plaintiffs on the work that was completed, certifying that it was in accordance with the plans and specifications, the best quality of construction practices and all governmental codes. Anderson knew and agreed that his reports and sign offs on the completion of the work were a prerequisite for the payment of the contractors and subcontractors. Anderson undertook these inspections and provided verbal and written reports of the construction and completion of the various phases of the construction to Plaintiffs for which he charged and was paid an hourly rate.

- 9. Plaintiffs paid subcontractor Jim Robbins \$123,224.16 for work performed based on the inspections and reports of Anderson provided to Plaintiffs under the terms of the agreements between him and Plaintiffs, which reports stated that at each of the agreed upon stages of completion, including the final stage, that the work by Robbins had been completed pursuant to the terms and standards set forth in his subcontract agreement, pursuant to all codes and pursuant to the plans and specifications for the work.
- 10. On or about September 12, 2017, a building inspector for the County of San Bernardino Building And Safety Division (Building And Safety) inspected the property with Anderson and Plaintiffs. The inspector found deficiencies in the construction work and issued a Correction Notice. In the Correction Notice issued on September 12, 2017, the inspector required, among other things, that all seismic straps be checked and further noted that there were missing structural hold-downs, identified as Htt5's. He suspended his inspection until all of the structural components required by the permitted plans and Building Codes were properly installed.
- 11. Anderson secured from Bergeson a Structural Observation Report Form that falsely and fraudulently certified that there were no deficiencies with the metal

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27 28 straps and HTT5's. Anderson secured the Report from Bergeson to cover up his false reporting and to induce Plaintiffs to pay Robbins for work that had not been completed. The Report also perpetrated a fraud on Building And Safety, which signed off on the framing that in fact had not been completed.

Plaintiffs filed a complaint in the San Bernardino Superior Court against Anderson and other entitled Murray v. Bergeson, Case No. CIVDS1812545. A true and correct copy of the First Amended Complaint filed in the state court action is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Fraud and Deceit)

(Against Anderson For The Determination Of Nondischargeability Of Debt Incurred Via Fraud, False Pretense, And False Representation Per11 USC § 523(a)(2)(A)

- Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference as though fully set forth at 13. length herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 12, inclusive.
- At numerous times during the construction of the Home on the 14. Arrowhead Property, including specifically on May 18, 2016, June 17, 2016, August 12, 2016 and August 26, 2016, Anderson and others represented to Plaintiffs that they had inspected the Home and that Robbins had completed work on the Home required as of those respective dates in accordance with plans and specifications, all governmental codes and the best construction practices. Anderson knew his representations were false and stated said representations with the intent to induce Plaintiffs to pay Robbins for the work that had not been performed and for work that had been improperly performed.
- 15. Plaintiffs did not know, until November 2017, that the representations were false. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on the representations of Anderson, paying Robbins over \$123,000.00 for work that in truth had not been completed at all or had

not been completed pursuant to the plans and specifications and was not due to Robbins.

16. Anderson knew that his inspection and reporting of the completion of work was a prerequisite for the issuance of invoices, lien release and payments to Robbins. Despite that knowledge, Anderson falsely stated Robbins had properly completed his work at the various stages and provided fraudulent inspection reports.

17. During the course of construction, Anderson concealed the fact the Bergeson had improperly designed the Home one foot below the required elevation necessary to prevent water runoff from entering the garage and the Home. Anderson and Robbins concealed from Plaintiffs the fact that the Home had been constructed with the first floor and the ridge line one foot higher than on the plans and specifications originally approved by Building and Safety. In late August 2016, Plaintiffs discovered the facts that had been concealed from him as alleged in this paragraph. Had Plaintiffs been advised of the failure of Bergeson to properly design the Home at the correct elevation before the ridge line was raised and floors adjusted to that ridge line, the plans and specification could have been, among other things, redrawn to avoid the necessity to install radiant heating at a savings of over \$90,000.00.

18. As a direct and proximate result of the fraud and concealment by Anderson, Plaintiffs have incurred damages in an amount in excess of \$213,000.00.

19. Anderson's conduct, as alleged herein, was done with a conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights, and with intent to vex, injure or annoy such as to constitute oppression, fraud, or malice under Civil Code Section 3294.

20. The acts and conduct of Anderson as alleged above including the allegations of the First Amended Complaint constitute grounds to except the debt owed by Anderson from the general bankruptcy discharge under 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(2)(A). 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(2)(A) provides that an individual debtor is not discharged from any debt for money, property, services, or an extension, renewal or

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	Complaint to Determine Dischargeability Of Debt

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA James S. Link (State Bar # 94280) COUNTY OF SAN SERNARDING Counselor & Advocate at Law SAN BERHANDING CIVIL DIVISION 2 215 N. Marengo Ave., 3rd Floor OCT 0 5 2018 Pasadena, CA 91101 3 (626) 793-9570 (626) 628-1925 (fax) 4 5 In association with 6 Vernon E. Murray, Esq., SB No. 44591 215 North Marengo Avenue, Third Floor 7 Pasadena, California 91101-1504 8 (626) 584-9860 9 Attorneys for Plaintiffs Vernon E. Murray, in his individual capacity and as the General Partner of 10 The Walnut Plaza, Ltd., and The Walnut Plaza, Ltd. 11 Superior Court Of The State Of California 12 For The County Of San Bernardino 13 14 Vernon E. Murray in his individual capacity CASE NO. CIVDS1812545 and as the General Partner of The Walnut (Complaint Filed May 22, 2018) 15 Plaza, Ltd. and The Walnut Plaza, Ltd., First Amended Complaint For Compensatory 16 Plaintiffs. And Punitive Damages; Demand For Trial By Jury 17 VS. 18 Bryant Bergeson, individually and doing 19 business as KADTEC, Mauricio Rodriguez, individually and dba M.R. Home Design and 20 Drafting Service, Jim Robbins, individually 21 and doing business as Robbins Construction, Alec Seaman, individual and doing business as 22 Alec Seaman Construction, Aaron K. Anderson, individually and doing business as 23 Aaron K. Anderson Construction and DOES 1 24 through 10, inclusive, 25 Defendants. Plaintiffs Vernon E. Murray, in his individual capacity and as the General Partner of The 26 Walnut Plaza, Ltd., and The Walnut Plaza, Ltd., hereby allege: 27 ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION 28 COMPLAINT FOR COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES

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Limited Partnership.

- 1. Plaintiff Vernon E. Murray (sometimes referred to as Plaintiff Murray) is the owner of the real property located at 28728 Palisades Drive, Lake Arrowhead, California (hereafter Arrowhead Property) in the County of San Bernardino. Plaintiff Murray is also the general partner of Plaintiff The Walnut Plaza Ltd. (sometimes referred to as Plaintiff TWP). TWP is a California
- 2. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant Bryant Bergeson (Bergeson) is and at all times material herein was a civil engineer duly licensed by the State of California, whose principal place of business is in Twin Peaks, California. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe and thereon allege that Kadtec is the fictitious business name of defendant Bryant Bergeson.
- 3. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant Mauricio Rodriguez (Rodriguez) doing business as M.R. Home Design and Drafting Service is a resident of Beaumont, California in the County of Riverside.
- 4. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant Jim Robbins doing business as Robbins Construction (Robbins) has his principal place of business in Crestline, California, in the County of San Bernardino. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Robbins is and all times material herein was a licensed general contractor.
- 5. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant Alec Seaman doing business as Alec Seaman Construction (Seaman) has his principal place of business in Big Bear Lake, California, in the County of San Bernardino. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Seaman is and all times material herein was a licensed general contractor.
- 6. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that defendant Aaron K. Anderson doing business as Aaron K. Anderson Construction Company (Anderson) has his principal place of business in Lake Arrowhead, California, in the County of San Bernardino. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Anderson is and all times material herein was a licensed general contractor.
- 7. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sue such Defendants by their fictitious names. When the true names and

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- 8. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each of the Defendants named herein was, at all times material hereto, the agent, servant and employee of each and every other Defendant and that all acts, omissions and conduct alleged herein were undertaken pursuant to the scope of the agency and employment.
- 9. On or about July 16, 2012, Plaintiff Murray, on behalf of himself and Plaintiff TWP, entered into a written agreement with Bergeson to provide design, inspection and structural engineering services for a 5-story Home to be constructed on the Arrowhead Property. Bergeson had represented that he was a structural engineer and that he was highly qualified to provide the due diligence and professional services required to design and construct the Home on the Arrowhead Property (hereinafter the Home). The services included the design phase in which Bergeson and Rodriguez, agreed to explore and create floor plans, elevations, a roof plan and a plot plan in consultation with Plaintiffs and to obtain all permits and to conduct and obtain all inspections related to the design and construction of the Home. The services further included a structural layout phase including the preparation of plans for the layout of roof framing, floor framing, foundation, sections and structural details. In addition, the contract called for an engineering phase that was to include but not be limited to structural design, and structural calculations for the design, compliance with California Title 24 and plans, details and specifications. The contract also included all due diligence related to the design, construction and engineering of the Home, including but not limited to surveys, geology reports, geotechnical reports, topographic surveys and inspections and certifications to the County and the Plaintiffs that the construction complied with the permitted plans and specifications and all applicable governmental codes. The fees of Bergeson under the terms of the contract were calculated based on the square footage of the project, which changed during the course of design and construction, plus additional hourly and fixed fees.
- 10. In the year 2013, Plaintiffs started construction on the Home designed by Bergeson. In September 2013, Plaintiff Murray was diagnosed with cancer and given a prognosis that he

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- provide extraordinary care, skill and efforts in supervising the construction and would perform not only the required County inspections but also additional inspections, field visits and supervision during the construction of the Home. Plaintiff Murray believed he could rely on these representations and Bergeson's personal commitment to assure the best quality of work on the Home and that the work would comply with the plans and specifications and all applicable governmental codes. Accordingly, Bergeson was hired for these purposes and agreed to provide and undertook construction review services during the construction to ensure that the General contractor and subcontractors built the structure in accordance with the plans, specifications and details prepared by defendants, and each of them. Bergeson agreed to inspect and approve work during the construction for compliance with the plans and specifications, all codes and best quality construction practices. Bergeson knew and agreed that his inspections and approvals were a prerequisite for the payment of the contractors and subcontractors and inspections by the County of San Bernardino.
- 12. Bergeson charged Plaintiffs on a unit pricing basis per square foot; plus, additional fees for the extra work such as the above-referenced inspections. Plaintiffs paid Bergeson \$67,086.56.
- 13. Plaintiffs entered into a written agreement with Rodriguez for the interior design of the Home and to provide construction drawings for the build out of the structure designed by

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- 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege Rodriguez was also an employee of Bergeson and provided drafting and other services on the Home for said defendant. Rodriguez separately and independently agreed to the work alleged in paragraph 12 pursuant to the contract with Plaintiffs, with the consent of Bergeson.
- 15. On or about April 28, 2016, Anderson entered into a written agreement with Plaintiffs to serve as the general contractor for the construction of the Home pursuant to the plans and specifications of Bergeson dated February 2, 2016 and, through him, his subcontractors and the employees of owner to construct and complete in an excellent workman-like manner the improvements on the Home as specified by Plaintiff Murray. Furthermore, Anderson agreed to contract with and supervise all subcontractors and secure and supervise the use of all materials, machinery, equipment, utilities, transportation and other facilities needed to construct the Home. Anderson further agreed to supervise and direct all work using the highest professional skill and attention and to be responsible for the control of the construction methods, techniques, sequences, procedures and recordkeeping and to coordinate all portions of the construction of the Home. Anderson also agreed to be responsible for the acts and omissions of all employees, subcontractors, their agents and employees as well as other persons performing portions of the work on the Home.

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- 16. On or about April 28, 2016, Robbins entered into a written subcontract agreement with Anderson, the general contractor for the project at that time. Plaintiffs are a third-party beneficiary of that contract. Robbins agreed to provide crane, labor, scaffolding and framing pursuant to a proposal dated February 19, 2016 and the contract with Anderson. Said work was to be undertaken pursuant to the plans and specifications prepared by Bergeson and permitted by the County of San Bernardino. Said plans and specifications were attached to the subcontract agreement and called for the installation of seismic straps and hold-downs, as well as shear walls and other structural materials, which Robbins was obligated to install as part of his work.
- 17. Plaintiffs paid Robbins \$123,224.16 for work performed based on the inspections and reports of Bergeson, Anderson and Rodriguez provided to Plaintiffs under the terms of the agreements between them and Plaintiffs, which reports state that at each of the agreed upon stages of completion, including the final stage, that the work by Robbins had been completed pursuant to the terms and standards set forth in his subcontract agreement, pursuant to all codes and pursuant to the plans and specifications for the work. In November 2016, Robbins was removed from the project for a failure and refusal to construct the Home in accordance with the plans and specifications, insubordinance and numerous negligent and intentional breaches of contract.
- 18. On or about January 13, 2017, Plaintiffs entered into a written construction contract with Seaman by which Seaman agreed to repair work that had been improperly completed on the Home, complete the work that had not been completed on the Home and to supervise all work by

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- 19. On or about September 12, 2017, a building inspector for the County of San Bernardino Building And Safety Division (Building And Safety) inspected the property with Seaman, Anderson and Plaintiffs. The inspector found deficiencies in the construction work and issued a Correction Notice. In the Correction Notice issued on September 12, 2017, the inspector required, among other things, that all seismic straps be checked and further noted that there were missing structural hold-downs, identified as Htt5's. He suspended his inspection until all of the structural components required by the permitted plans and Building Codes were properly installed.
- On September 14, 2017, despite the fact that no work had been done on the Home to correct the deficiencies identified in the Correction Notice and that he had not even been to the job site to inspect the actual condition of the Home, Bergeson signed a statement to the County of San Bernardino under penalty of perjury entitled Structural Observation Report Form in response to the September 12, 2017 correction notice of Building And Safety. Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of said Correction Notice. In the Structural Observation Report Form, Bergeson certified that there were no deficiencies with the metal straps and HTT5's. Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of the

cover up the deficiencies.

- 21. Shortly thereafter, Plaintiffs hired independent structural engineers at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (Simpson firm) to inspect the Home and provide a full report of any and all issues of faulty design and construction of the structural elements of the Home.
- 22. In November 2017, Plaintiffs asked Rodriguez to inspect the Home with him. While Rodriguez began the inspection, shortly thereafter he refused to complete it and quit the job.
- 23. After two inspections of the Home, the Simpson firm issued a preliminary report on December 14, 2017 finding numerous structural deficiencies. A true and correct copy of the December 14 2017 Report, is attached hereto, designated Exhibit 4 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 24. On or about April 12, 2018, the Contractor Variance Plans and Specifications with corrections were issued by Bergeson and approved by the Simpson Firm. On April 20, 2018, Bergeson and Kevin Yang and Jim MacDonald of the Simpson Firm met with two general contractors who were bidding on the project and reviewed those plans and specifications. Following that meeting, Bergeson agreed that the April 12, 2018 plans and specifications would be the final contractor variance report and corrective measures for the seismic deficiencies resulting from the contractors not building the Home pursuant to the plans and specifications of Bergeson and permitted by the county Building And Safety Division.
- 25. Subsequent to the issuance of the preliminary report on the structural condition of the Home on December 14, 2017, the Simpson Firm engaged in an extensive series of inspections of the Home, consultations with defendant Bergeson, consultations with geologists, consultations with geotechnical engineers, interviews of contractors who worked on the Home and other due diligence. It also issued a series of interim plans and specifications for a seismic retrofit of the Home that it determined was required due to the inadequate and deficient due diligence, design and the inspections of the structural components of the Home by Bergeson. The Simpson Firm issued

the final set of plans and specifications for the seismic retrofit of the Home (hereafter the Seismic

Engineering Fixes) on September 25, 2018.

26. Construction on the plans and specifications alleged in paragraphs 24 and 25 has been conducted under the supervision and approval of Bergeson and the Simpson firm until June 11, 2018 and by the Simpson Firm thereafter.

27. A third set of plans and specifications will be issued by the Simpson firm specifying non-seismic construction deficiencies in the Home resulting from the failure of contractors to perform their work in accordance with the plans and specifications and good construction practices.

#### First Cause Of Action—Breach Of Contract

- 28. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference as though fully set forth at length herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 27, inclusive.
- 29. Plaintiffs performed all obligations required of them under the terms of the contracts heretofore alleged.
- 30. Bergeson breached his contract with Plaintiffs by, among other things, failing to properly design the structure of the Home placing it on the Arrowhead Property one foot below where it should have been located to avoid street water runoff into the garage and the living area of the Home. The entry, loft and garage floor had to be located approximately one foot above the County drainage system at the street. In the middle of the construction of the framing on the Home and without advising Plaintiffs and the building department, and in violation of the express provisions set forth on Sheet T-1 of the permitted plans, Bergeson and Rodriguez, in conjunction with the contractors, raised the ridge line of the Home one foot in an attempt to fix the design error. Among other things, the locations for the entry, loft and garage floor were adjusted along with the raising of the ridge line.
- 31. Bergeson further breached his contract with Plaintiffs by failing to properly design elements of the structure as set out in the plans and specifications approved on May 21, 2018.
- 32. Bergeson further breached his contract with Plaintiffs by failing to obtain adequate geology and geotechnical reports and perform proper due diligence to design the Home, to do the structural engineering and to adequately and properly inspect the Home during the course of

construction to ensure that the contractors and subcontractors performed all of the work required by

- constructed at a variance to the plans and specifications. The first four or five openings checked at the inspection were at material variance to the plans at which point Rodriguez walked off the job site and quit without adequate notice and in violation of his contractual obligations;
- I. Failing and refusing to turn over his records and work products for the Home in an indexed, documented, or organized format after he quit despite repeated requests and demands that he do so. What was turned over was mostly unusable by other parties; and
- J. Providing false and inaccurate inspection reports for the purpose of assisting contractors to be paid money they were not owed for work that did not comply with the plans, specifications, building codes, good construction practices and other contractual obligations.
- 34. Robbins breached the contract between himself and Anderson on which Plaintiffs are third-party beneficiaries by failing to direct, supervise and control the construction of the Home and by, among other things, failing to follow proper construction practices, Building Codes and the plans and specifications of Bergeson, Rodriguez and manufacturers. Robbins falsely represented that the work was completed and that the work was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications in order to collect monies that were not due him under his contract with Anderson.
  - 35. Anderson breached the contract with the Plaintiffs by, among others things:
  - A. Failing to complete the work on the Home pursuant to the plans and specifications, the Building Codes and good construction practices;
  - B. Failing to adequately supervise and direct the work of his workers and subcontractors;
  - C. Failing to adequately inspect the work and providing inadequate and false inspection reports to Plaintiffs in order to receive payments for work and that had not been completed, for work that did not comply with the plans and specifications, for work that violated the Building Codes, and for work that materially changed the Home from the plans and specifications;
  - D. Failing to inventory, secure and account for building materials; and
  - E. Walking off the job without notice prior to its completion.

1 36. Seaman breached the contract with Plaintiffs by, among other things: 2 A. Failing to read the plans and specifications; 3 B. Failing to complete comprehensive and accurate inspections of the Home; 4 C. Issuing materially incomplete and inaccurate inspection reports; 5 D. "Covering" work on the Home that did not comply with the plans and specifications, the 6 Building Codes and good construction practices; 7 E. Billing for work that had not been done; 8 F. Billing for work that did not comply with the plans and specifications; 9 G. Failing to adequately supervise and inspect the work that was done on the Home; 10 H. Doing work away from the jobsite and refusing Plaintiffs requests and demands to 11 inspect the quality and progress of the work; 12 I. Quitting without notice and abandoning the work on the Home before it was completed 13 and "dumping" partially completed and defective work products and materials on the 14 jobsite; 15 Failing and refusing to complete work and correct deficiencies in the work identified 16 and required by the County building inspector; and K. Recommending and requiring Plaintiffs to pay subcontractors for work that had been 17 18 done in violation of the plans and specifications, building codes and good construction 19 practices. 20 37. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of contract by Bergeson, Plaintiffs 21 have been damaged in excess of \$1,000,000.00, including but not limited to: 22 a. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of civil and structural engineers 23 to inspect the "as-built" condition of the Home and create reports together with plans and 24 specifications for the completion of the work required by the permitted plans and specifications. 25 The engineers were also required to review structural engineering for the permitted plans and 26 specifications and work with Bergeson to prepare plans and specifications for a retrofit of the 27 seismic engineering of the Home to bring it up to building code and acceptable safe structural 28 engineering standards. The cost to date for this work is approximately \$200,000.00 and it is 12

estimated that there will be at least another \$50,000.00 incurred for inspection fees, further identification of defective work in non-structural areas and the production of plans and specifications for the corrective work required;

- b. The construction of the Home has been delayed for approximately 18 months causing the loss of use to Plaintiffs in excess of \$450,000.00, plus approximately \$300,000.00 of increased construction costs, the cost of course of construction insurance premiums of \$17,000.00 and other expenses and damages;
- c. Plaintiffs made disbursements to Robbins Construction in the amount of \$123,224.15 in reliance on the reports of Bergeson;
- d. Plaintiffs have incurred costs related to the unauthorized and secretive raising of the loft floor and ridgeline of the house of in excess of \$50,000.00. Had Plaintiffs been notified of this unauthorized work, among other things, the modifications to the house could have been made in a manner that would have allowed the deletion of the radiant heating system and at a savings of at least \$90,000;
- e. Plaintiffs will incur further construction costs to complete and correct the seismic and other work not in compliance with the plans and specifications in excess of \$250,000.00;
- f. Plaintiffs have incurred additional costs of \$3,000.00 for the improper design of the elevator pit, \$15,000.00 for additional structural support for the fireplaces and \$15,000.00 for related work to increase the size of the chimney to comply with Building Codes and to accommodate flues and venting of the fire places.
- 38. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of contract by Rodriguez, Plaintiffs have been damaged in excess of \$1,000,000.00, including but not limited to:
- a. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of architects, contractors, designers and draftsmen to verify the "as-built" condition of the Home, compare the "as-built" condition of the permitted plans and specifications and create new plans and corrective work in order to complete the construction of the Home;
  - b. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of civil and structural engineers

d. Plaintiffs have made disbursements to Robbins Construction in the amount of \$123,224.15 in reliance on the inspections and reports of Rodriguez;

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- e. Plaintiffs have been required to re-create the work product in the possession of Rodriguez which he refused to turn over in a reasonable form, including but not limited to a hard copy of the design and work product book at a cost in excess of \$50,000.00, not including costs related to delays while the work product was re-created;
- f. Plaintiffs have incurred costs related to the unauthorized and secretive raising of the loft floor and ridgeline of the house well in excess of \$100,000.00. Had Plaintiffs been notified of this unauthorized work, among other things, the modifications to the house could have been made in a manner that would have allowed the deletion of the radiant heating system and at a savings of at least \$90,000; and
- g. Plaintiffs will incur further construction costs to complete and correct seismic and other work not in compliance with the plans and specifications in excess of \$250,000.00.
- 39. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of contract by Seaman, Plaintiffs have been damaged in excess of \$1,000,000.00 including, but not limited to:
- a. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of civil and structural engineers to inspect the "as-built" condition of the Home and create reports, together with plans and

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- seismic and other work not in compliance with the plans and specifications in excess of \$250,000.00;
- d. Plaintiffs have incurred costs in excess of \$38,623.53 caused by said defendant's failure to manufacture beams in compliance with the approved sample and in his refusal to allow Plaintiffs to inspect the work prior to the completion of the manufacturing process;
- Plaintiffs have incurred a fee of \$3,981.00 because of the inaccurate e. inspection report prepared by said defendant;
- f. Plaintiffs have incurred costs to Seaman for defective corrective work on the master bath and bedroom in the amount of \$6,000.00, on the elevator in the amount of \$11,700.00, on the fover in the amount of \$5,040.00, for structural steel for fireplaces in the amount of \$7,500.00, and for blocking and true up work in the amount of \$5,000.00. Plaintiffs will incur additional costs to correct defective work in the areas caused by Seaman;
- Plaintiffs will incur additional costs for the correction of Seaman's work that g. is not as of yet fully known in an amount to be proved at the time of trial; and
  - Plaintiffs have incurred excessive billing for travel time and job site h.

- 40. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of contract by Robbins, Plaintiffs have been damaged in excess of \$1,000,000.00 including, but not limited to:
- a. Plaintiffs have incurred the cost for the clean up and disposal of debris in the amount of \$19,661.25, rejected and incomplete work in the amount of \$66,241.07, scaffolding in the amount of \$40,000.00, for the completion of interior walls in the amount of \$5,000.00, completion of the stairs in the amount of \$1,350.00, for damages related to the purchase, inventory and protection in the amount of \$115,000.00, for protection and repair of work in the amount of \$8,272.95, for defective work related to the windows and cost for late work in the amount of \$34,900.00, for the failure to provide supervision in the amount of \$15,000.00, for damages related to raising elevations in the great room, loft and adjacent areas without written approval in an amount in excess of \$91,365.00 for a total sum in excess of \$396,790.27;
- b. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of contractors, designers and draftsmen to verify the "as-built" condition of the Home, compare the "as-built" condition of the permitted plans and specifications and create new plans and corrective work in order to complete the construction of the Home at the cost of in excess of \$250,000.00;
- c. Plaintiffs were required to retain the services of civil and structural engineers to inspect the "as-built" condition of the Home and create reports, together with plans and specifications, for the completion of the work required by the permitted plans and specifications. The engineers were also required to review structural engineering for the permitted plans and specifications and work with Bergeson to prepare plans and specifications for a retrofit of the seismic engineering of the Home to bring it up to building code and acceptable safe structural engineering standards. The cost to date for this work is approximately \$200,000.00 and it is estimated that there will be at least another \$50,000.00 incurred for inspection fees, further identification of defective work in non-structural areas in the production of plans and specifications for the corrective work required;
- d. The construction of the Home has been delayed for approximately 18 months causing the loss of use to Plaintiffs in excess of \$450,000.00, plus approximately

have been made in a manner that would have allowed the deletion of the radiant heating system

f. Plaintiffs will incur further construction costs to complete and correct seismic and other work not in compliance with the plans and specifications in excess of \$250,000.00.

Anderson is additionally liable to plaintiffs for all damages caused by Robbins and other subcontractors including, but not limited to, those damages alleged against Robbins in paragraph 40.

#### Second Cause Of Action—Fraud And Concealment

- 42. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference as though fully set forth at length herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 41, inclusive.
- 43. At numerous times during the construction of the Home on the Arrowhead Property, including specifically on May 18, 2016, June 17, 2016, August 12, 2016 and August 26, 2016, Bergeson, Anderson and Rodriguez falsely represented to Plaintiffs that they had inspected the Home and that Robbins had completed work on the Home required as of those respective dates in accordance with plans and specifications, all governmental codes and the best construction practices. Rodriguez, Anderson and Bergeson knew their representations were false and stated said representations with the intent to induce Plaintiffs to pay Robbins for the work that had not been performed and for work that had been improperly performed. Plaintiffs did not know, until November 2017, that the representations were false. Plaintiffs justifiably relied on the representations of Rodriguez, Anderson and Bergeson, paying Robbins over \$123,000.00 for work that in truth had not been completed at all or had not been completed pursuant to the plans and specifications and was not due to Robbins.
- 44. Rodriguez, Bergeson and Anderson all knew that the inspection and reporting of the completion of work by Rodriguez, Anderson and Bergeson was a prerequisite for the issuance of invoices, lien release and payments to Robbins. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that Rodriguez, Bergeson and Robbins conspired to misrepresent the facts of the completion of work by Robbins to Plaintiffs in order to induce Plaintiffs to pay Robbins.
  - 45. During the course of construction, Rodriguez, Anderson and Bergeson concealed

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- 46. On September 14, 2017, Bergeson signed a statement under penalty of perjury entitled Structural Observation Report Form in response to the September 12, 2017 Correction Notice of Building And Safety certifying that there were no deficiencies with the metal straps and HTT5's. Said representation was false and made by Bergeson to induce Building and Safety to approve the structural components and to induce Plaintiffs to further proceed with construction covering up his negligent and intentional errors and wrongdoings in the design and construction of the Home. As a result of the Structural Observation Report Form, the inspector for Building And Safety signed off on framing and structural components and allowed Plaintiffs to proceed forward with construction.
- 47. As a direct and proximate result of the concealment by Bergeson, Anderson, Rodriguez and Robbins, Plaintiffs have incurred damages as heretofore alleged in paragraphs 34, 35 and 37.
- 48. By reason of the foregoing intentional misrepresentations and concealment, Plaintiffs are entitled to punitive damages according to proof.

#### Third Cause Of Action—Negligence

- 49. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference as though fully set forth at length herein each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 48, inclusive.
- 50. Bergeson breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by, among other things, failing to properly design the structure of the Home placing it on the Arrowhead Property one foot

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- 2 The garage had to be located one foot above the County drain. Without advising Plaintiffs and the
- 3 building department, Bergeson, Anderson and Rodriguez in conjunction with the contractors raised
- the ridge line of the Home one foot in an attempt to fix the design error. The locations for the floors 4
- 5 and other material elements of the Home were also adjusted along with the raising of the ridge line.
  - 51. Bergeson further breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by failing to properly design elements of the structure as set out in the plans and specifications approved on May 21, 2018.
  - 52. Bergeson further breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by failing to adequately and properly inspect the Home during the course of construction to ensure that the contractors and subcontractors performed all of the work required by the plans and specifications.
  - 53. Rodriguez breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by, among other things, failing to adequately and properly inspect and supervise the work on the Home during the course of construction to ensure that the contractors and subcontractors performed all of the work required by the plans and specifications. Rodriguez further breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by failing to provide the drawings, plans and specifications in his possession to Plaintiffs when he quit the job in November 2017.
  - 54. Robbins breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by failing to direct, supervise and control the construction of the Home and by failing to follow the plans and specifications of Bergeson and Rodriguez.
  - 55. Seaman breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by, among other things, failing to properly undertake and complete the work required by the contract, including the inspection reports, Exhibit 1.
  - 56. Anderson breached his duty of care owed to Plaintiffs by failing to direct, supervise and control the construction of the Home and by failing to follow the plans and specifications of Bergeson and Rodriguez.
  - 57. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Bergeson, Plaintiffs have incurred damages as heretofore alleged.

1	58. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Rodriguez, Plaintiffs have
2	incurred damages as heretofore alleged.
3	59. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Seaman, Plaintiffs have
4	incurred damages as heretofore alleged.
5	60. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Robbins, Plaintiffs have
6	incurred damages as heretofore alleged.
7	61. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Anderson, Plaintiffs have
8	incurred damages as heretofore alleged.
9	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against defendants for compensatory damages,
10	punitive damages, costs of suit, attorney fees, and all other and further relief as the court deems just
11	and proper.
12	DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY
13	Plaintiffs hereby demand trial by jury.
14	Date: October 5, 2018  James S. Link  Counselor & Advocate at Law
15	In association with
16	Vernon E. Murray,
17	By James S. Link
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Murray's Residence Framing Repairs and Corrections

PROJECT #: 201612-01 CONTRACTOR: N/A

The following is a proposal concerning the work to be done on the property at 28728 Palisades Dr., Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. This attachment pertains to all other terms and conditions in contract # 201612-01 with Alec Seaman Construction.

#### ATTACHMENT A - DESCRIPTION OF WORK

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1	Job clean up and organization prior to beginning work	N/A
2	Decorative corbels: Remove timber locks, counter-sink holes, re-screw timber locks and plug	Pg. 8 (Note A)
3	Overcut rafters on front entry way need to be fixed	N/A
4	Install backing throughout entire house: Base blocks, mid-span blocking, fire-blocks, ceiling blocks for backing, backing added for wide trim around windows where necessary for solid trim nailing and backing above all door headers for casement treatments.	See several notes on Pgs. 1-7, 10-25
5	Address problems with framing around sunken spa areas on lower and middle floors.	Pg. 2 (Note A) & Pg. 12 (Note C)
6	Add fur strips to areas where floor joists are sloped for runoff on the upper decks.	Pg. 2 (Note A) & Pg. 12 (Note B)
7	Frame wall under stairs at lower floor level	Pg. 5 (Note A)
8	Stud straightening, removal and reinstallation of bad studs	See Page 3, Note C for example
9	Install backing all around the stair system, landings, etc.	Pg. 7
10	Miscellaneous pick up in the framing of job in order to prepare for rough framing combination inspection.	Pg. 10 (Note A), Pg. 11 (Note C), Pg. 14, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25
11	Address problem with leak at window in stairwell area	Pg. 15
12	Install fur strips on valley rafters to flush up with rafters	Pg. 20 (Note A)

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(3	Reframe upper arched window to fit the radius in great room and other arched windows as needed	Pg. 21 (Note B)
14	Address problem with roof header extruding into the plain of ceiling treatments	Pg. 21 (Note A)
15	Address framing issue near wine cellar area where there are 3 different ceiling heights	Pg. 17
16	Fur up deck joists in areas where deck was framed too low	N/A
17	Address misc. problems with middle story deck. Install missing decorative mechanical fasteners on post to deck connection in such a way as to also clean up the crooked holes which may require manufacturing of new hardware.	Pg. 8 (Note B) & Pg. 9
18	Frame bottom step of stairs wider for grand stair case look	Pg. 6 (Note A)
19	Address the problems with the elevator shaft framing	Pg. 26-28
	SCOPE OF WORK FOR PROJECT SUPERVISION	
l	Supervise, inspect and oversee subcontractors, check quality of work being performed by sub-	NIA
	contractors and verify whether subcontract work is being completed in accordance with the approved set of plans or the "as-bullt" specifications and drawings provided by Maricio Rodriguez.	
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2	Oversee all change orders: If any changes need to be made, Alec Seaman Construction shall receive a change order in writing from applicable contractor(s) and no changes shall take place unless/until the owner has approved and signed the change order(s) and a signed copy has been returned to subcontractor.	N/A
3	Provide proper documentation of any work that is done through 1) digital photography documentation, 2) job camera video documentation (pending cost approval by owner), 3) through written documentation (for future reference)	N/A

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Murray's Residence Framing Repairs and Corrections

PROJECT #: 201612-01 CONTRACTOR: N/A

The following describes the allowances/estimated man hours for the work to be done on the property at 28728 Palisades Dr., Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. This attachment pertains to all other terms and conditions in contract # 201612-01 with Alec Seaman Construction.

#### ATTACHMENT B - ALLOWANCES

		Essimationianนี้อีกใช้
	Cleanup + Daily cleanup and job maintenance. <b>Note:</b> This does not include the disposal of construction/project waste.	N/A
2	Repair all decorative corbels	TBD
3	Repair over-cut rafters on entry	IBD
4	Install backing throughout house	
5	Framing around sunken spas	
6	Fur slaped ceilings	estimate: 240 hrs.
7	Frame wall under stairwell	
8	Misc. stud straightening	
9	Misc. backing around stair system	
10	Misc, pick-up framing for Combination inspection	
H	Repair leak	TBD
12	Fur valley rafters and general roof framing	
13	Reframe arched windows as needed	201
14	Repair roof header	estimate: 80 hrs.
15	Ceiling framing near wine cellar	
16	Fur deck joists	
17	Clean up deck framing problems	estimate: 120 hrs.
18	Refirame bottom stops	TBD
19	Fix/finish elevator shaft framing	estimate: 180 hrs.
N/A	Burcher's Block & Building Material Estimate (see attachments below)	\$4,375

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## **Attachment D: Pictures with Descriptions**

Friday, January 13, 2017

Project Description:

Murray's Residence Framing Repairs and Corrections

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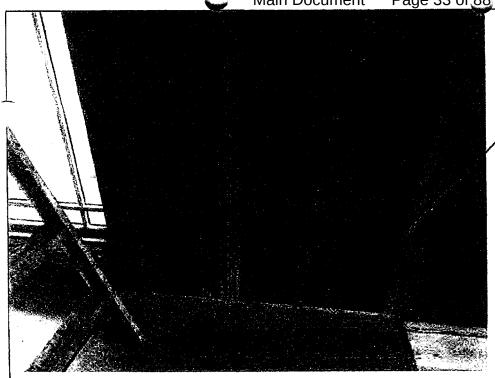
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#### **NOTE A**

Throughout the entire lower floor backing will need to be installed along the base line for drywall nailing and base moulding installation on every wall, exterior and interior where concrete floor was poured.

#### **NOTE** B

According to approved structural plans, the posts should have stacked with the MST60 connection attaching to both posts. Joists should have been headed out and hung with Simp. Joist hangers.

#### NOTEC

 Poor workmanship to splice structural posts in the wall. Should be a continuous post.

#### NOTE D

 Backing will need to be installed across every header for trim detail

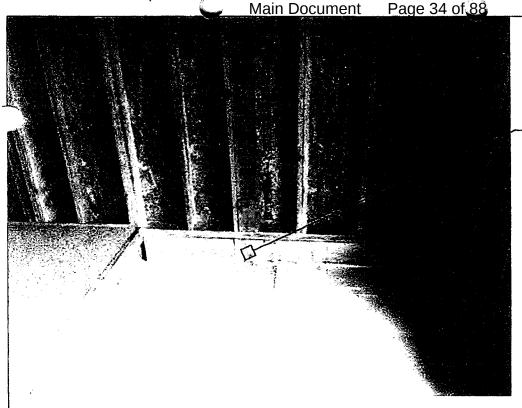
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#### NOTE A

 Joists headed out under structural post, needs to be addressed. Typically structural posts have continuous bearing by having vertical posts grains running in the same direction, or having a solid 6" joist member, but not by heading out several joists being weakened by the direction of their grain and the short length which they have been cut to. Recommend having engineer give a suggestion for how to address this.



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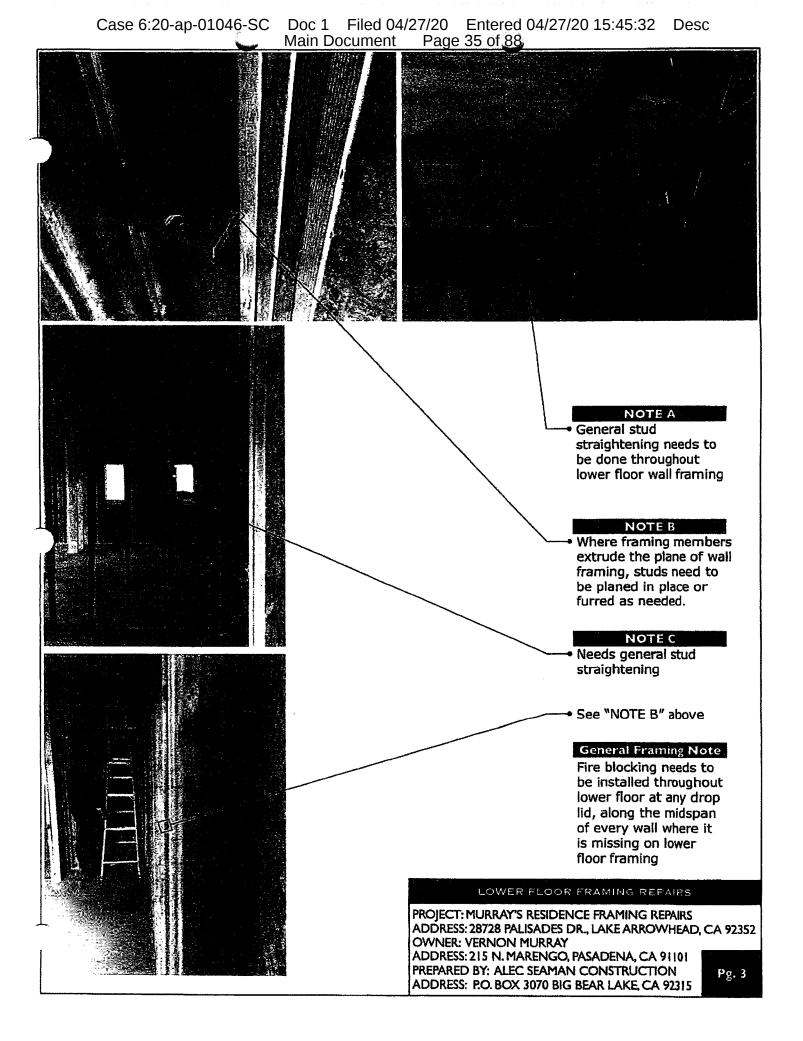
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#### NOTE A

 Fire blocks at stair cases cut with 90 degree cuts where they should have been cut to the angle of the staircase intersecting the vertical studs. Not done according to building standards, recommend remove and replace.



#### NOTE B

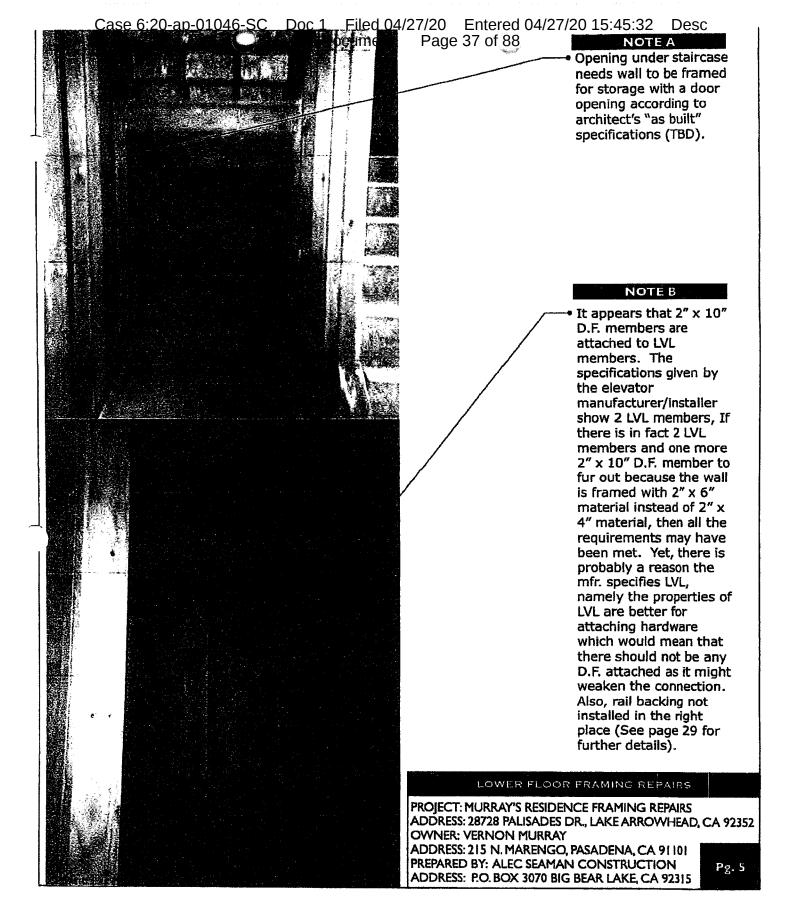
 Missing shear nailing backing. Stacked up blocks where shear transfers is not to the highest levels of building standards.

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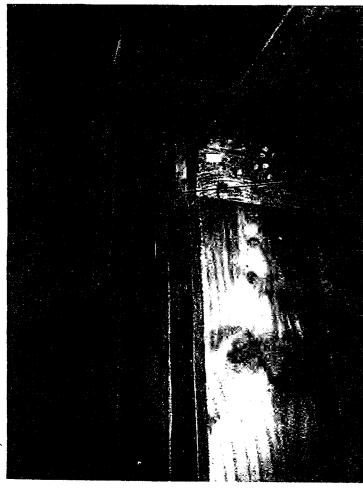
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# Stair walls need to be modified/cutback at bottom of staircase in order to have a wider bottom step(s). This note applies to each stair case where applicable grand stair case detail applies. Note: Steps do conform to architectural



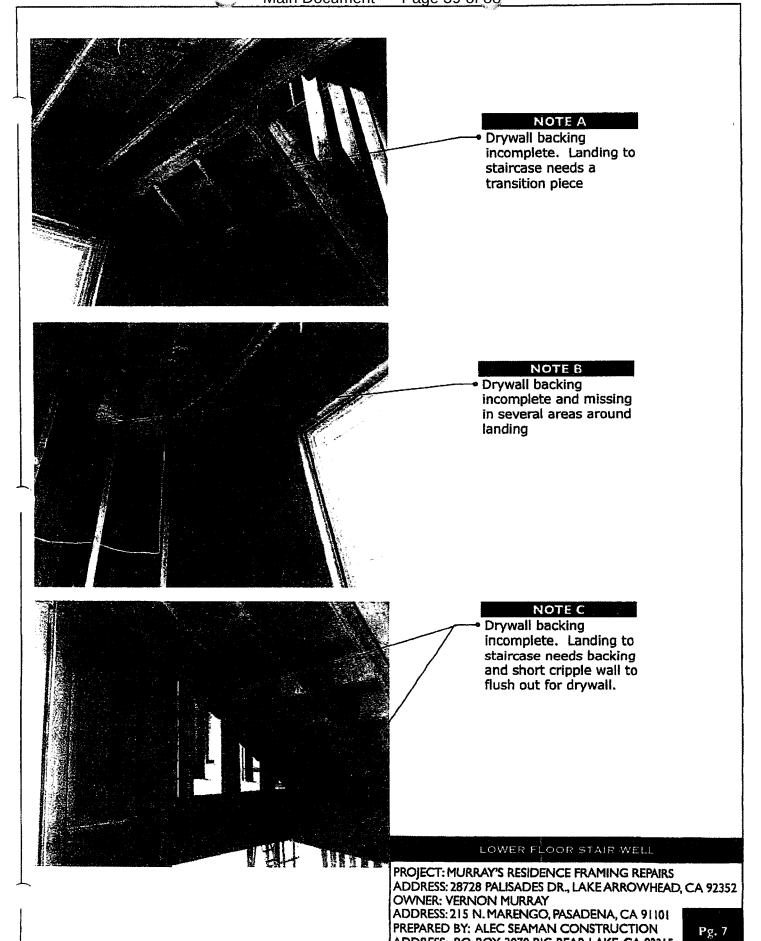
### **NOTE** B

 Framing needs to be cleaned up before drywall can be installed.
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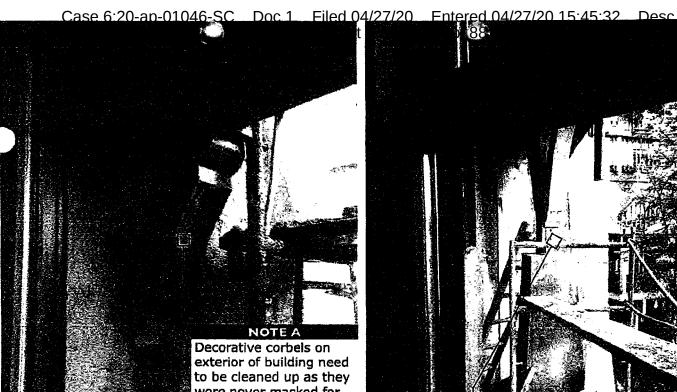
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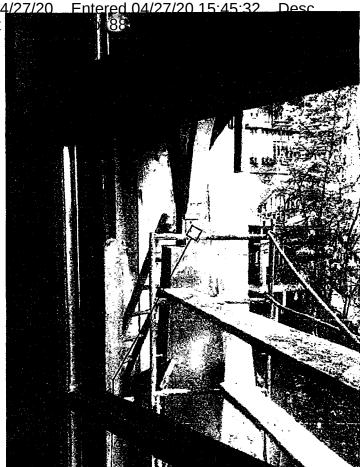
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were never masked for stucco, and timberlock lag bolts need to be removed, the holes need to be countersunk, relagged, and plugged.



#### NOTE B

Structural deck posts are missing machine bolts at base where CB88 anchors posts.

Mechanical fasteners at post to girder connection missing. Install ornamental "T" straps.

#### DECK FRAMING REPAIRS

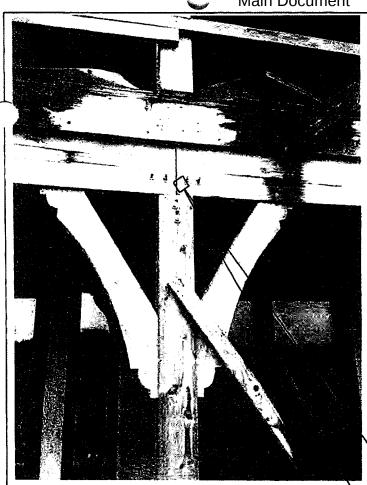
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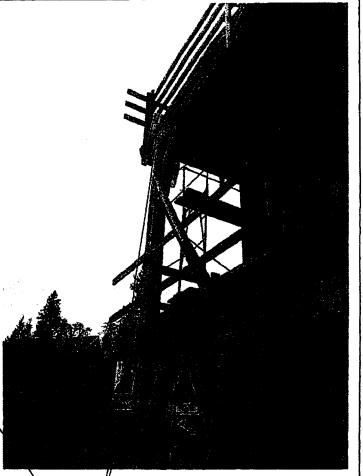
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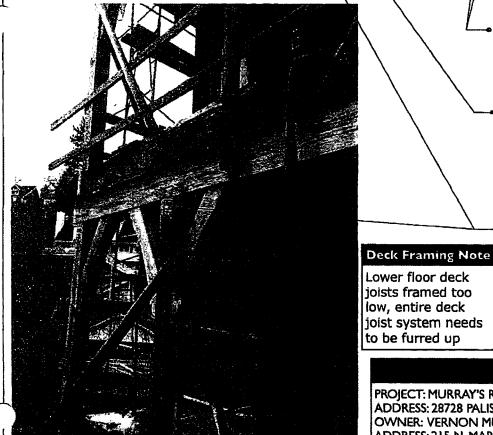
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Lower level and middle level decks are supposed to finish out with the same length measurement according to plan.

#### **NOTE B**

Substandard cuts and framing for exposed finished framing, needs to be either recut and brought tighter, or addressed by covering up with decorative metal strapping.

#### NOTE C

 Unfinished, and substandard construction where ornamental "T" brackets were to be installed. Needs to be addressed by fabricating decorative straps that will cover up mis-drilled holes and continue to make a structural connection between post and beam.

Lower floor deck joists framed too low, entire deck joist system needs to be furred up

#### REAR DECKS

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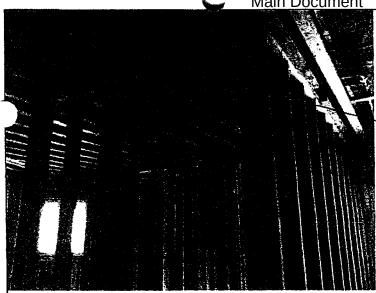


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 Header and cripple wall at entry into bathroom missing. Door opening needs to be framed in to client/owner's specifications since not on plan.



#### **NOTE B**

Where joists are sloped for upper deck water run-off, joists need to be furred down for future soffit detail.

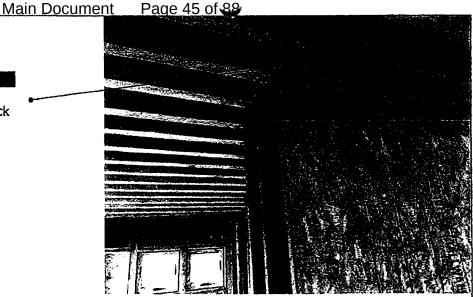
#### NOTE C

Joists headed out under structural post, needs to be addressed. Typically structural posts have continuous bearing by having vertical posts grains running in the same direction, or having a solid 6" joist member, but not by heading out several joists being weakened by the direction of their grain and the short length which they have been cut to. Recommend having engineer give a suggestion for how to address this.



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Miscellaneous drywall backing missing, check entire middle floor ceiling for backing



#### General Framing Note

Fire blocking needs to be installed throughout middle floor at any drop lid, along the midspan of every wall where it is missing on floor framing



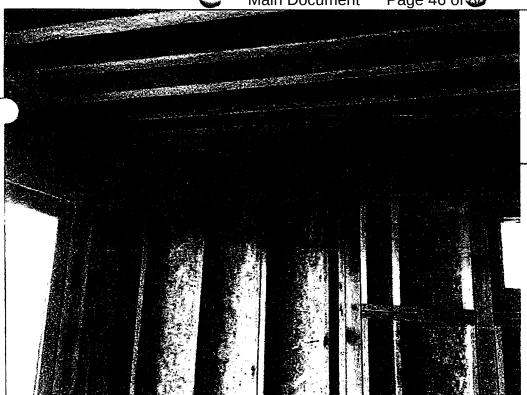
 Misc. stud furring and straightening needed.

#### MIDDLE FLOOR FRAMING REPAIRS

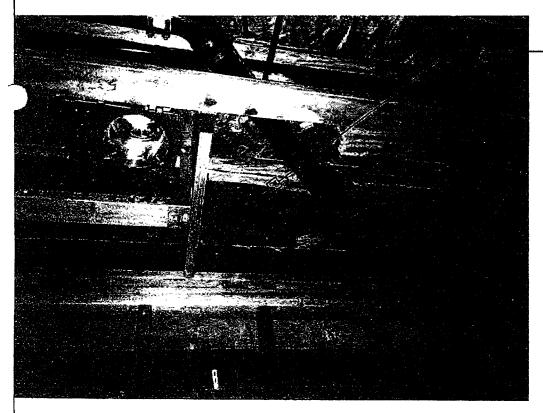
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 Blocks missing where shear transfers, walls already stuccoed.
 Recommendation:
 Insulate, make sure that all electrical is in place and then add interior shear panels.



#### **NOTE B**

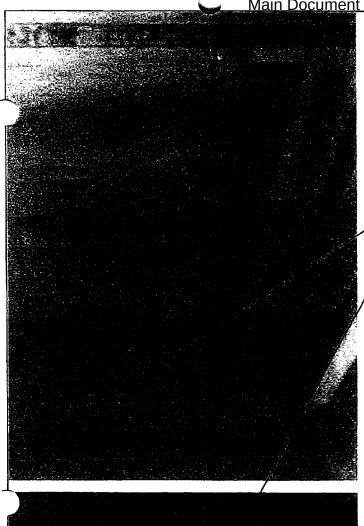
 This head-out for plumbing needs to be address. Over-spanned joisting.

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 Leak noticed on the day pictures were taken. It could be because of a leak on the roof, or it could be a leak as a result of something poorly flashed. Recommendation: Further inspection by licensed roofer and by those who installed flashing and lath.



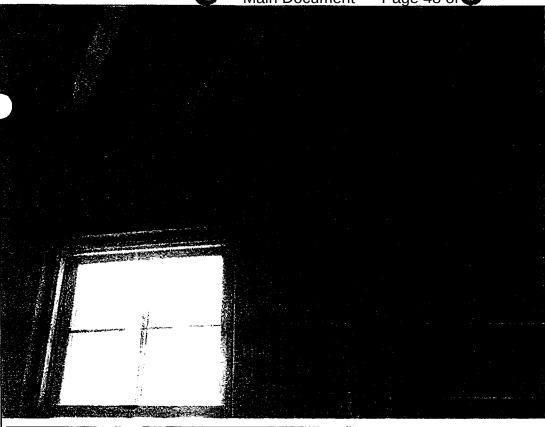
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 Missing mechanical connection. Need engineers recommendation for type of connection required to be installed

#### **NOTE B**

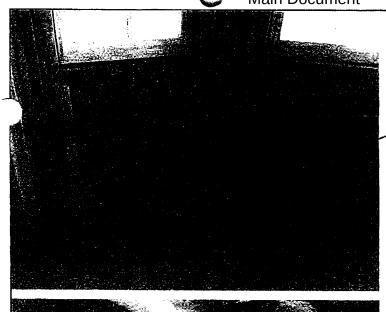
Stud framing in turret area requires fur strips before drywall as needed throughout entire turret framing

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Throughout the entire main floor backing will need to be installed along the base line for drywall nailing and base moulding installation on every wall, exterior and interior where concrete floor was poured.



Fire blocking needs to be installed throughout main floor at any drop lid, along the midspan of every wall where it is missing on framing

#### **NOTE B**

 Remove unnecessary board along top of wall

## NOTE C

 Different levels of joist and floor framing. Some furring may need to be added in order to prepare for coffered ceiling treatments in finish.

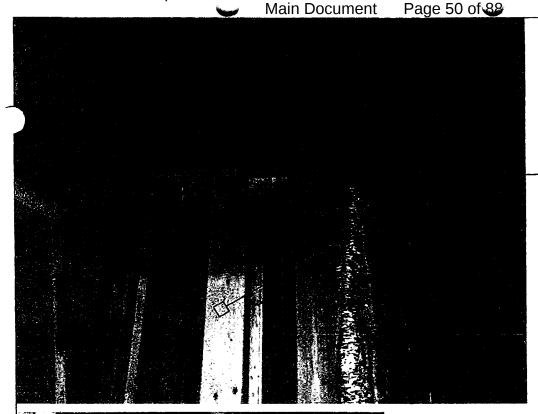


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 Single wall construction may not be sufficient.
 Perhaps it was necessary for ducting. May or may not need to be addressed (TBD).

#### NOTE B

In the elevator shaft framing there are two 2" x 10" D.F. members screwed together. The specifications given by the elevator manufacturer/installer show 2 LVL members. This will need to be corrected unless justification is given for not using LVL boards as per specs. Also, rail backing not installed in the right place (See page 29 for further details).

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 Stacked studs are acceptable under non bearing points but the top standards of construction would have used a solid member

#### NOTER

 Because of the added plumbing wall, corner will not meet up with the valley as it ought to.



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Substandard framing, not to the highest building standards. Framing should have been cut tight, and where shear transfers, solid 3x or 4x members should have been installed.

#### **NOTE B**

 Where rafter cuts extend past the valley rafter, valley rafter needs to be furred down for finished ceiling treatments.



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#### NOTE B

 Frame window to match arch.  Roof header should have run perpendicular to rafters as shown on plan (see S-2). Recommend that this either be framed correctly, or planed down so that rafters plain through correctly. New mechanical fasteners will need to be installed on each end.

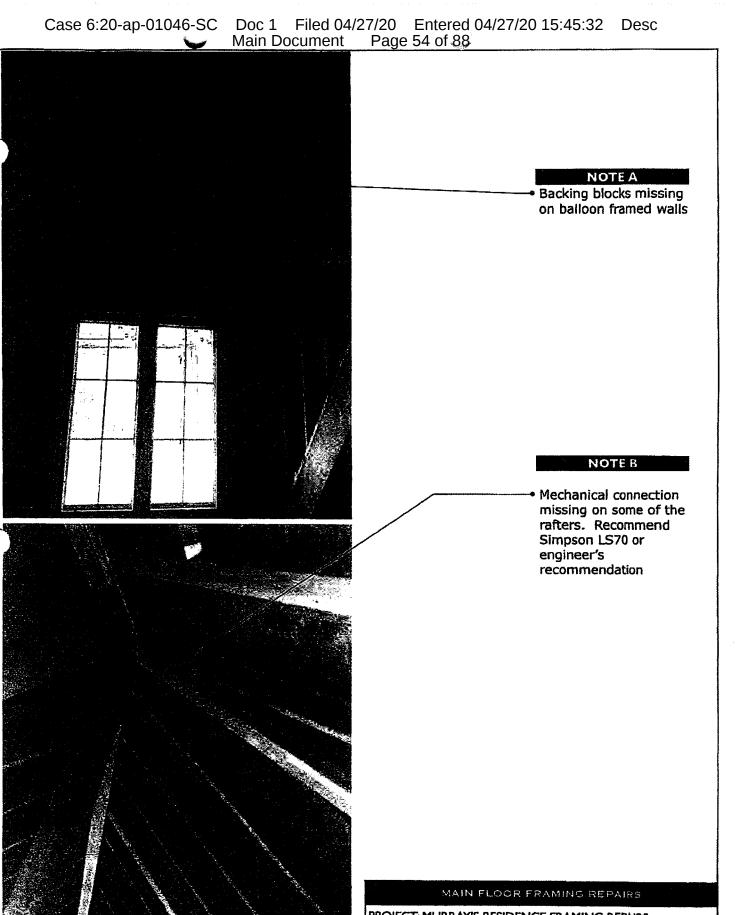
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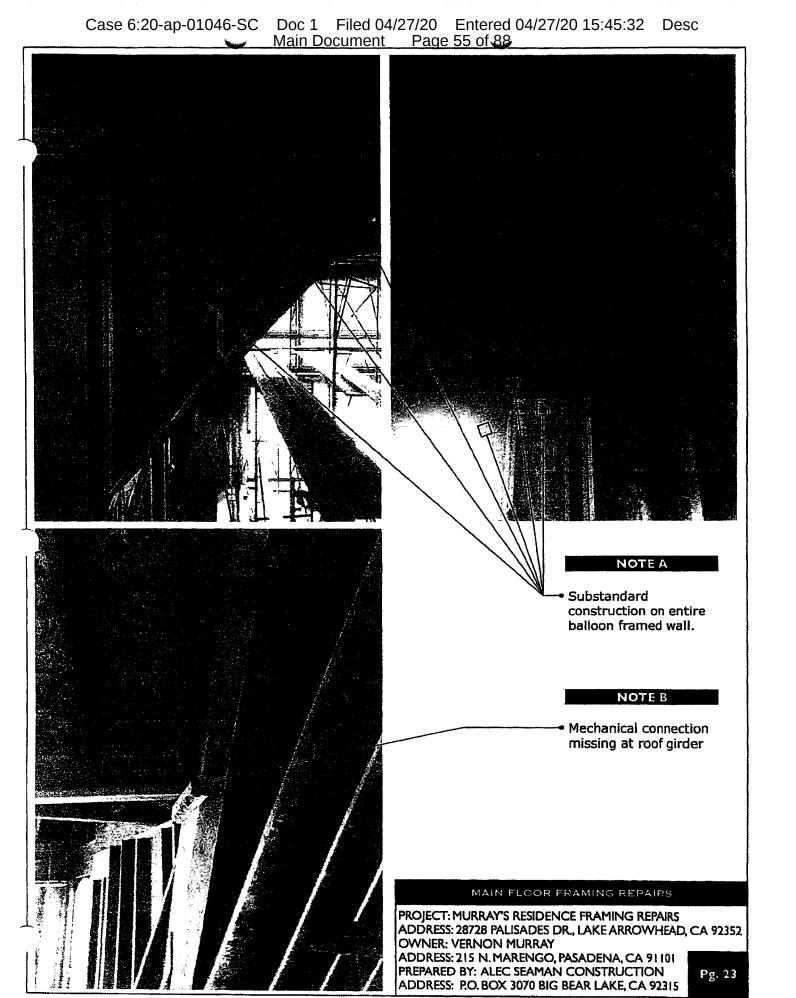
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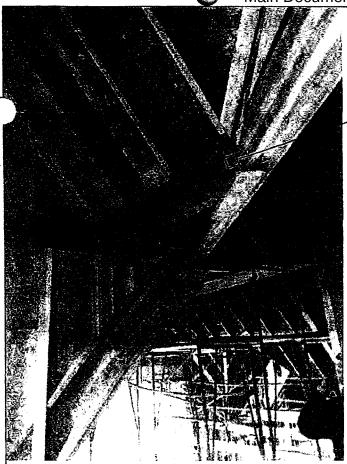
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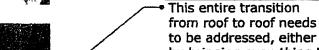
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 Missing mechanical connection here.
 Recommend Simpson LS70 or engineer's recommendation



by bringing everything to a point with and arch that is aesthetically pleasing, or by boxing it in such a way that the transition flows well for ceiling treatments.

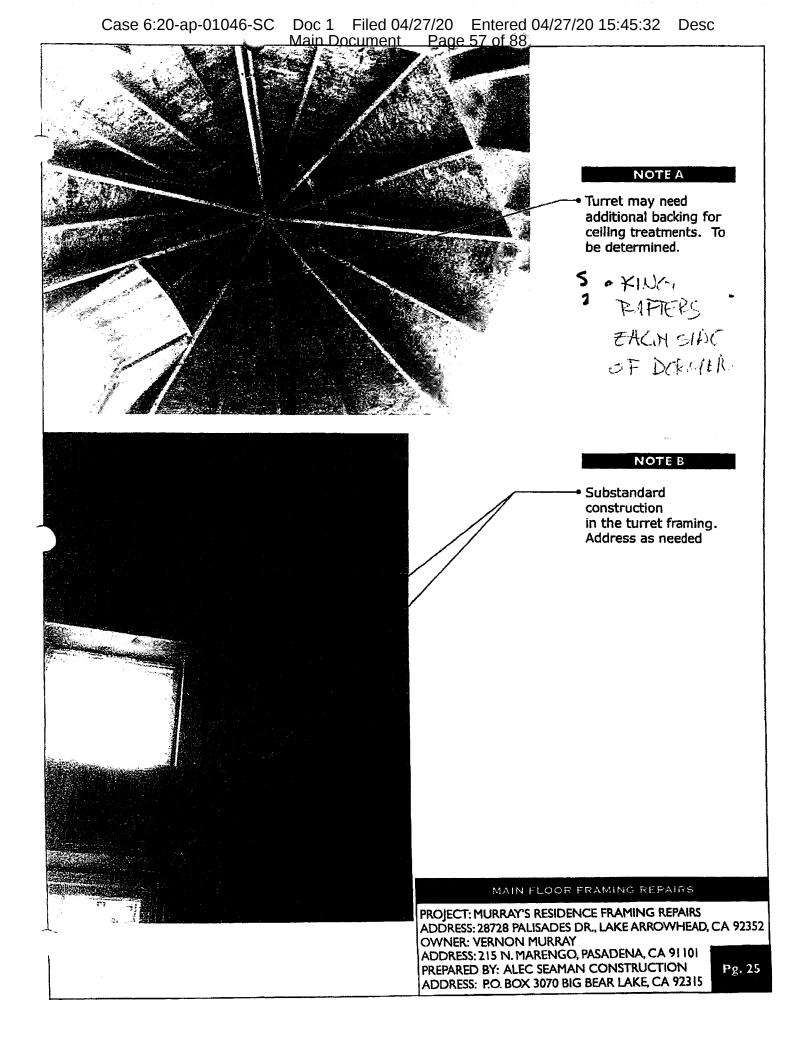
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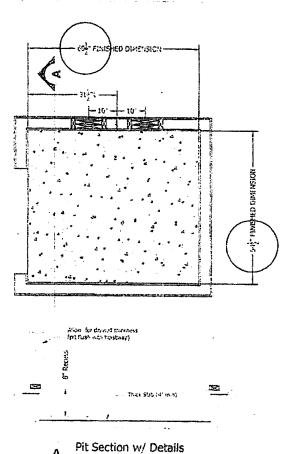
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#### PIT CONSTRUCTION DETAIL



CONTRACTOR Contractor to provide a pit. Install reinforcement and concrete as necessary. Pit should meet the following requirements:

- 1. Pit Depth: 8"
- 2. Pit Dimensions: 54 ½" x 60 ½" 3. Pit designed and constructed to support an **impact land** of 6489 lbs 4. Pit must be dry, smooth and level. If unable to provide dry pit, provide pit drain with backup valve or dry pan drain in pit for sump. (See note below on Sumps in Pit)

NOTES ON SUMPS IN PIF: Brains and Sump Pumps shall comply with the applicable plumbing code, and they shall be provided with a positive means to prevent water, gases and odors from entering the hoistway. The drain must also be provided with either a backup valve preducing the possibility of sewage backup into pit. OR be provided with a dry pan drain for a sump located outside of the hoistway but 1891 within the elevator machine space.

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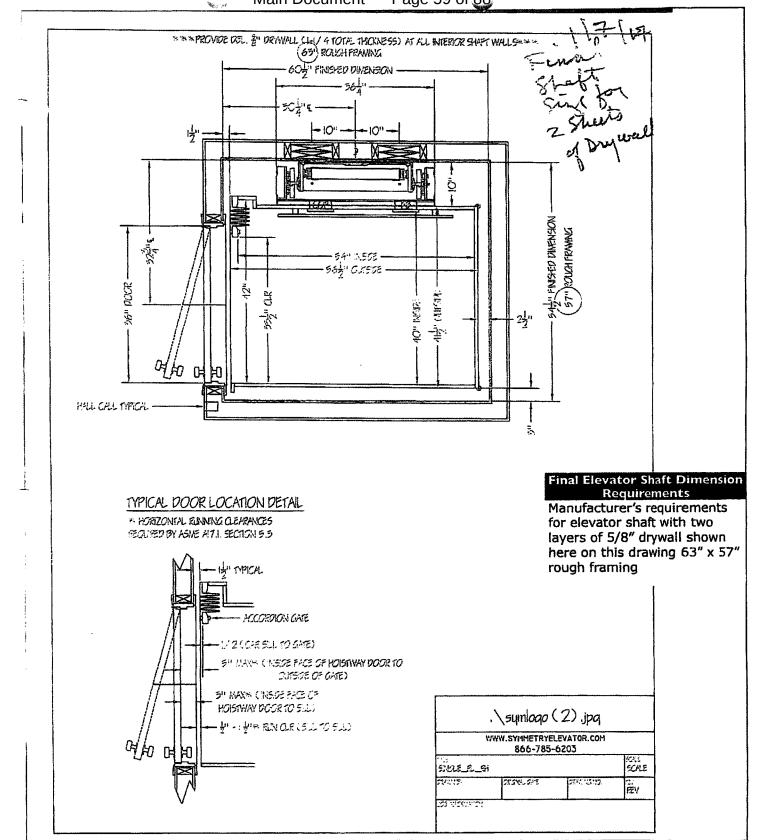
Bottom level of elevator shaft has the existing dimensions of 64" x 57 3/4", which is over sized based upon the required finished pit dimensions (60 1/2" x 54 1/2"). According the owner's desired specifications to have two layers of 5/8" drywall on interior of shaft to insulate for sound barrier, there is enough room. Some additional furring will need to take place to meet the elevator manufacturer's/ installer's specifications.

The next level up (middle floor) the existing shaft dimensions shrink down to 61 5/8" x 56", which will only allow for one layer of 5/8" drywall, which does meet the elevator manufacturer's/ installer's specifications. The main level and the top level follow this dimension. See Pg. 27 for elevator spec. with double layered drywall.

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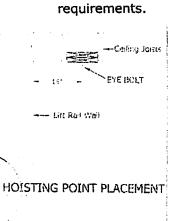
#### Existing Elevator Shaft Framing

See notes on Pg. 26 regarding

**Existing Elevator Shaft** 

## HOISTWAY FRAMING PLAN VIEW

conditions.
Elevator shaft requires further inspection and corrections to make sure every specification given by the elevator company is met to the highest level of building standards. See pg. 29 for more about framing requirements.



## WORK BY OTHERS

- A. COMBRACTOR PROVIDE A HOISTWAY COMPANIE WITH ALL DEPOLITION, ADDITIONAL FRAMING, HEADERS AND FRAMING COMPONERTS MECHSSARY TO PREPARE THE EXISTING BUILDING TO ROCILYZ THE BLEVATOR, PROVIDE PARCHMIC AS REPORT FOLLOWING INSTALLATION.
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- C. OWIRACTOR PROVIDE 9" X 9" CUCAS, FLICERD ACCESS DATCH (CABRICT-STYLC DOOR & LOCK) AT 10° OF HOISTWAY TAPP (SPRING CLOSURE OR SELF CLOSURC PINGES, LOCATED 168.5" PROFETOR OF LOUR TO CERTER OF HAICH, TIGHT TO SHARL CORDER.
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# Existing Elevator Shaft Framing

## TYPICAL HOISTWAY CONSTRUCTION DETAIL

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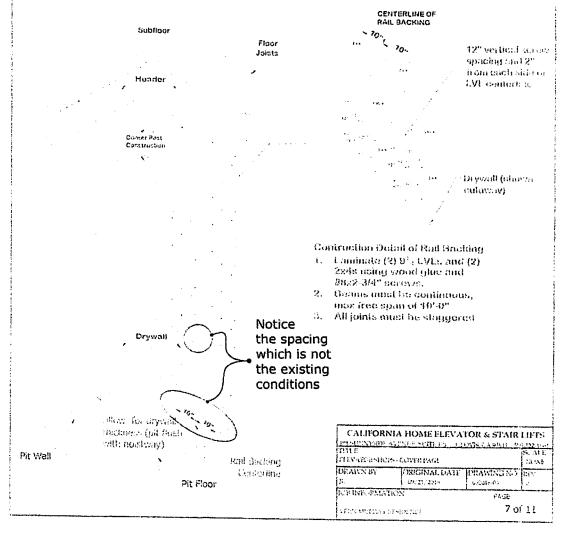
TYPICAL HOISTWAY

CONSTRUCTION

## TYPICAL RAIL BACKING DETAIL

Existing elevator shaft conditions as shown in pictures do not completely conform to the typical hoist way construction as shown in the manufacturer's/installer's details as shown on this page. Rail backing is also not installed in the correct places.

This shows LVL's not DF timbers.



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Pictures of Turret Friday, June 30, 2017

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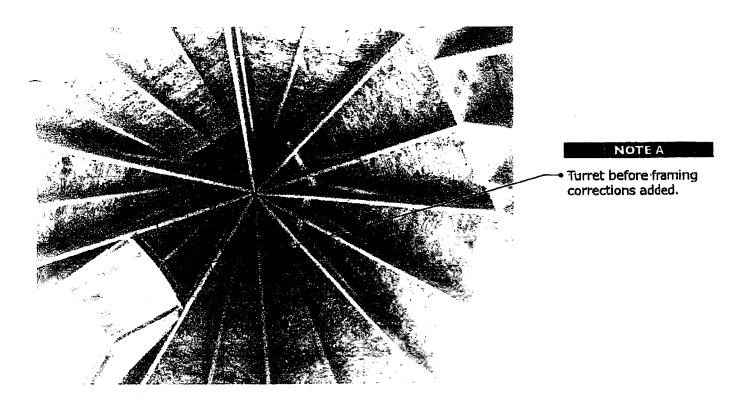
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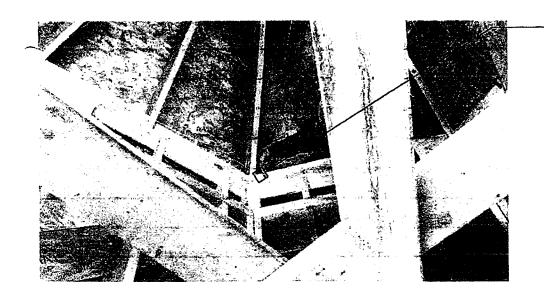
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#### NOTEB

Strings strung from corner to corner where they are supposed the corners are supposed to meet up/plane in.

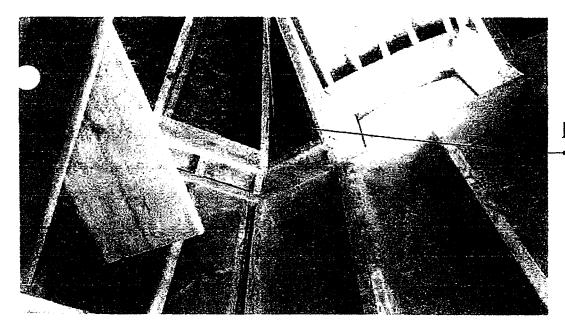
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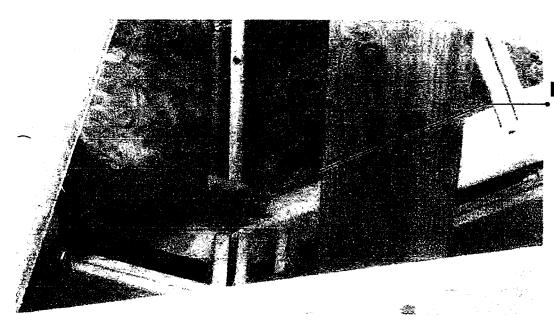
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This picture shows that the framing doesn't match the points where the proper turret corners should be coming together.



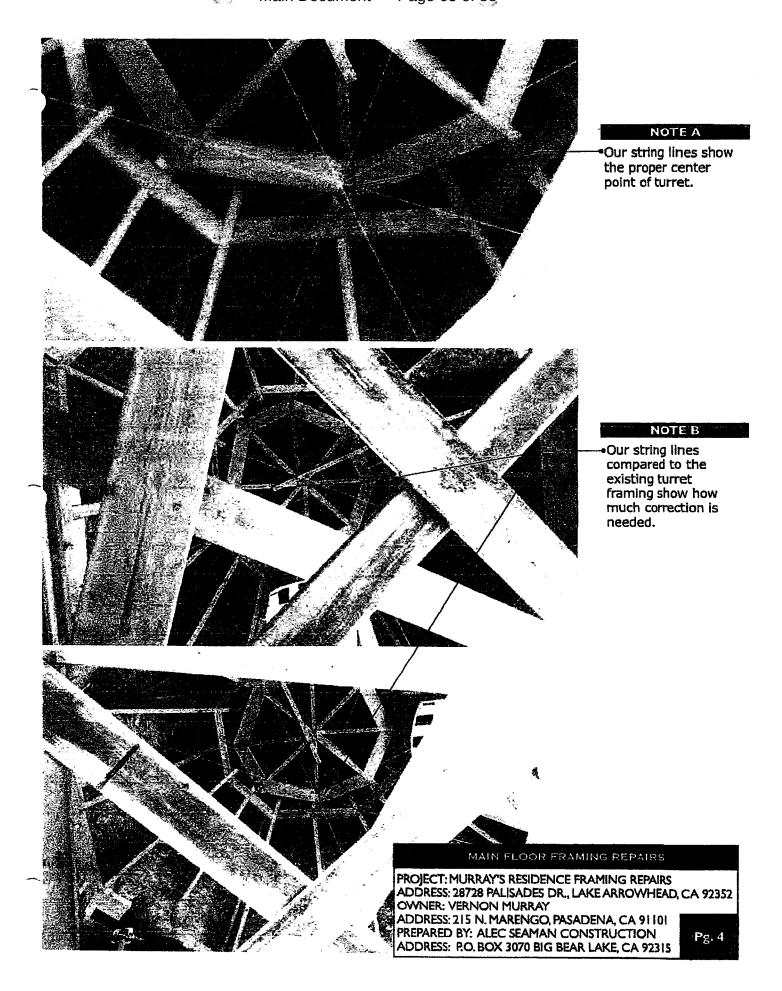
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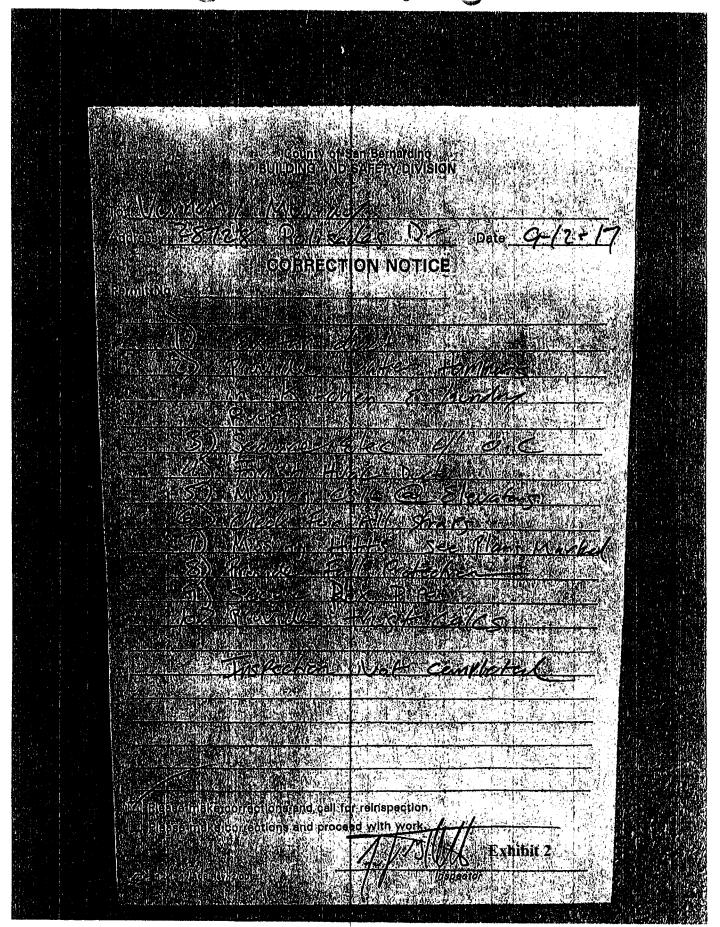
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Engineering of Structures and Building Enclosures

Mr. Vernon Murray 215 North Marengo Pasadena, CA 91101

Project 178198 – Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Murray Residence, 28728 Palisades Drive, Lake Arrowhead, CA

Dear Mr. Murray:

At your request, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (SGH) is providing this letter to summarize our assessment of structural issues related to the design and construction of the Murray Residence in Lake Arrowhead and to provide options going forward to address the aforementioned issues.

On 21 October 2017, Jim McDonald and Steven Shepherd of SGH visited the Murray residence and observed that many structural conditions had not been constructed as specified on the structural drawings. On 18 November 2017, Steven Shepherd visited the house again and met with a framing contractor named Bill to discuss the installation of seismic straps and hold-downs that had not yet been installed per the structural drawings. Our review of the permitted structural drawings revealed further concerns that will also be addressed in this letter.

Our understanding of the structural drawings relies on the following assumptions when reading plan sheets:

- Visible walls represent walls in the story below the labeled floor plan.
- Visible posts represent posts in the story above the labeled floor plan.
- Vertical strap and hold-down call-outs represent straps and hold-downs at the bottom of the wall in the story below the labeled floor plan.
  - The foundation plan is an exception to this assumption; hold-down call-outs shown
    on the foundation plan represent hold-downs at the bottom of the post of the
    foundation level. This creates a scenario where the same post has a hold-down callout on both the foundation plan and an above story plan (see Sheet S-6 in
    Attachment A).

These assumptions are consistent with observations made during the aforementioned site visits, but SGH requests that the Structural Engineer of Record (SEOR) verify that our understanding of the drawings is accurate.

Structural elements observed during our site visits include shear walls and their connections to supporting elements and supported elements, locations of bearing posts and their load path to the foundation, diaphragm geometry and connections to shear walls, and foundation epoxy doweling and reinforcement layout. We summarize our observations of structural issues below. Each issue is categorized by importance (minor, moderate, or critical) and includes a recommendation for resolving said issue.

Exhibit 4

Mr. Vernon Murray Project 178198

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#### 1. OBSERVED STRUCTURAL ISSUES

#### 1.1 Discontinuous Shear Walls

- A shear wall is considered discontinuous where a shear wall exists at one floor but is not supported by another shear wall directly on the floor below. This condition taken alone does not necessarily constitute an unsafe condition. The condition is considered safe only when the "missing" shear wall is replaced by other elements that can transfer the shear wall loads ultimately to the foundation. This includes the diaphragm to distribute the shear wall shear force and transfer girders or posts to transfer the shear wall overturning forces. We identified six instances of discontinuous shear walls where we could not identify sufficient transfer girders and posts (Attachment A). Among these, five instances occurred with no indication on the permitted drawings specifying a transfer girder or support post. We identified one location where the drawings specify a transfer girder, but we did not observe the transfer girder in the as-built framing (in the field). Our site observations were not comprehensive, and there may potentially be other transfer girders shown on plan but missing in the field.
- Degree of importance: Critical.

#### 1.2 Shear Walls Lack Adequate Attachment to the Floor Above

- Detail WD31/D-2 shows Simpson clips providing attachment between shear wall plywood sheathing and the floor joist above for walls parallel to the floor joists. We observed several interior shear walls parallel to floor joists that were installed without ensuring that additional floor joists were in place directly above the wall to facilitate attachment using clips. Without adequate connection to the floor diaphragms, these shear walls cannot serve their purpose in resisting seismic loads.
- Degree of importance: Critical.

#### 1.3 Shear Walls are Missing Vertical Straps and Hold-Downs

- During a seismic event, shear walls resist overturning forces. Straps and hold-downs are commonly specified at the ends of shear walls for proper overturning force transfer. We observed two issues at multiple locations for shear wall straps and hold-downs: (1) Straps and hold-downs were not installed per design drawings or visual observation could not verify their installation, and (2) Design drawings did not call out straps and hold-downs at all locations where we expect straps / hold-downs are necessary to resolve overturning forces. Where we could not observe the straps or hold-downs, it is possible that the straps or hold-downs at some locations are concealed, for example, by exterior finishes. However, there are some locations where we were able to verify that no strap had been installed at the shear wall edge. These visually confirmed locations were limited to the underside of discontinuous shear walls, where we were able to confirm the transfer girder below had no straps on either side. A summary of our hold-down survey from the 21 October 2017 site visit is included for reference (Attachment B).
- Degree of importance: Critical.

# 1.4 Floor-to-floor Connection of HSS Fireplace Support is Inadequate for Resisting the Required Tensile Forces

 Fireplaces in the structure are supported by cantilever framing. An HSS post supports the back end of the cantilever and is subjected to tensile forces as a result. The installed Mr. Vernon Murray Project 178198 - 3 -

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connection of HSS posts between floors utilizes wood screws, which requires tension forces to pass through wood elements in cross-grain tension. The building code does not allow wood to resist loads in cross-grain tension.

Degree of severity: Critical.

#### 1.5 Footing Reinforcement and Doweling

- We observed an unplaced fireplace support framing footing to have less steel reinforcement laid out than is shown in the design drawings. In addition, there are visible air gaps between epoxy and dowels into previously poured foundations.
- Degree of severity: Moderate.

#### 1.6 Deck at Main Floor is not Sheathed per Design Drawings

- We understand the SEOR is aware of this design change. Without plywood sheathing, SGH
  analyzed the deck using the as-built planking as the diaphragm. Our analysis indicates
  straight sheathing of the planking may provide adequate design strength and stiffness, if the
  deck is sufficiently light.
- Degree of severity: Minor.

#### 1.7 Posts Supporting Exterior Decks at Rear of House

- SGH performed calculations for the posts supporting the rear decks. Post sizes specified on framing plans do not match post size shown on Elevation Sheet S-10. SGH used post sizes specified on framing plans for calculation purposes. For the post size and unbraced length specified on the design drawings combined with the updated loading from each deck (i.e. granite topping on the Main and Middle floor decks and Trex at the Lower floor deck), SGH has found the specified posts to be satisfactory for design gravity loads. Deck seismic forces are resisted by the wall line facing the lake. Our analysis indicates the deck has sufficient diaphragm capacity to transfer the design seismic force to the wall line.
- Degree of importance: Not applicable.

#### 1.8 Depressed Floor Framing at Bar Area

- The floor framing of the depressed floor area relies on a wood ledger between 2x6 floor joists. The floor joists are side nailed into the ends of the ledger blocks (end nailing to ledger blocks). The ledger blocks are in between every other floor joist bay to allow the end nailing into the ledger blocks. The ledger blocks are face nailed to 2x6 padding on the side of plywood that is on the side of a wood beam. It is unclear why the floor joists are not directly supported by the wood beam, and we did not verify the nailing is sufficient to support the design loads.
- Degree of importance: Moderate.

#### 1.9 Retaining Walls are Potentially Under-Reinforced

The retaining wall's reinforcement is under-designed when using CBC default values for soil
properties. The geotechnical report for the design does not define lateral loads on basement
retaining walls or other retaining walls.

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Degree of importance: Potentially critical.

#### 1.10 Analysis of Northwest Wall Line (facing the Lake)

• We performed an approximate seismic analysis of the series of shear walls on the northwest side of the house facing the lake. There are shear walls at each of the four levels; the wall line is offset out-of-plane at both the main level and middle level. Our analysis also considers proposed changes to the deck composition, with granite topping at the main and middle level decks and TREX composite decking at the lower level deck. We checked capacities of shear walls, straps and hold-downs, and diaphragms for Code compliance against design code seismic loads.

Our analysis identified potentially non-compliant conditions for the design seismic forces:

- 1. Shear walls between the foundation and lower floor, and between the lower floor and middle floor.
- 2. Shear wall straps and hold-downs at the foundation level, lower floor, and middle floor.
- 3. Diaphragm at the middle floor.
- Posts and transfer girders supporting discontinuous shear walls above (posts and beams used to support discontinuous shear walls are required to be designed for overstrength forces per ASCE 7-10 Section 12.3.3.3).

Additionally, one discontinuous shear wall pier between the middle floor and main floor has no posts or transfer girder to support its overturning force. This issue also occurs in other locations and is addressed in Section 1.1 and 3.1 of this report.

Our shear wall calculations assume the shear walls are blocked per the shear nailing schedule shown on the structural plans. It is our interpretation of the schedule that shear wall Marks 1, 2a, and 4 do not specify blocking, while shear wall Marks 2b, 3, 5, and 6 specify that blocking is required.

Degree of importance: Critical.

#### 1.11 Special Inspection Requirements for Post-Installed Anchors

- In our review we observed specified holdowns not placed and supplemental framing added connecting to the foundation. Where post-installed anchors have or will be used, the 2013 California Building Code (CBC) requires special inspection for post-installed anchors, as indicated in Table 1705.3.
- Degree of importance: Moderate.

#### 1.12 Straps on Roof

- We understand from Mr. Murray that the rooftop steel straps were installed and photographed by a subcontractor after the jurisdiction's framing inspector completed the framing inspection.
- Degree of importance: Moderate

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#### 1.13 Balcony Posts at Middle Floor is Installed Out-of-plumb

- We observed the exterior posts spanning from the Middle Floor to the Main Floor to be installed out-of-plumb with the offset at the base. This creates an eccentricity in the gravity load path that will create additional forces and moments on framing members. SGH has considered the effect of these additional forces on the as-built framing and connections and has provided a detail (Attachment C) to address these effects.
- Degree of importance: Critical.

#### 2. CONCLUSIONS

The permitted drawings and the construction in place include a variety of shortcomings that compromise the Code intent for safety. Our approximate analysis of the shear walls on the northwest side indicates the design is potentially non-compliant with respect to Code requirements.

#### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

To mitigate the concerns identified above, we provide the following recommendations:

#### 3.1 Discontinuous Shear Walls

We recommend the SEOR review the discontinuous shear walls identified in Attachment A
and provide a calculation that demonstrates the adequacy of the current shear wall
configuration or a recommendation to mitigate the situation if it is found to be inadequate. If
mitigation is necessary, we can provide recommendations for cost-effective solutions.

#### 3.2 Shear Walls Lack Adequate Attachment to the Floor Above

• We recommend the SEOR resolve the design and construction conditions related to the shear walls with inadequate connection to the floor above. Alternatively, we recommend the diaphragm connection for each interior shear wall parallel to the floor joists be inspected and, where missing, additional floor joists added above walls as described in the Structural Floor Notes Item 6 on Sheets S-3 through S-6. Joists shall be connected to shear walls per Detail WD31/D-2. Where it is impractical to add floor joists, additional framing can be designed to connect the top of the shear wall to the diaphragm.

#### 3.3 Shear Walls are Missing Vertical Straps and Hold-Downs

• During a site visit on 18 November 2017, Steven Shepherd of SGH and the framing contractor field-verified the location of straps and hold-downs shown on the design drawings but not currently installed. SGH is available to review the newly installed hardware once the contractor has finished installing the remaining straps and hold-downs. SGH has also prepared a markup highlighting additional locations that appear to require straps or hold-downs (Attachment A). The SEOR shall verify the necessity of these additional straps and hold-downs. Pending SEOR approval, contractor shall install appropriate hardware at the specified additional locations. We recommend the SEOR document, by means other than assertion, the presence of all straps and hold-downs specified on the drawings. For those straps and hold-downs not present, we recommend the SEOR provide a mitigation. The simplest mitigation for already specified straps or hold-downs would be installation of the strap or hold-down per plan, but existing conditions may require altering the installation. Further, we recommend the SEOR review the additional straps and hold-downs that we have identified in Attachment A to resolve overturning forces. For the additional straps or hold-

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downs, we recommend that the SEOR review and either provide a calculation demonstrating the adequacy of the structure without them or revise his drawings to include them.

# 3.4 Floor-to-Floor Connection of HSS Fireplace Support

Due to the inadequacies of the floor-to-floor connection of HSS fireplace support for resisting
the required tensile forces, we recommend the SEOR specify and substantiate by calculation
an adequate load path for the fireplace framing support. At a minimum, this would include
the wood screws be replaced with thru-bolts that connect the base plate and top plate on
either side of the floor-to-floor connection.

## 3.5 Footing Reinforcement and Doweling

- Contractor to verify foundation reinforcement is laid out per design drawings. We recommend pull-testing epoxied dowels with visible air gaps to verify the dowel has reached design strength.
- Degree of severity: Moderate.

## 3.6 Deck at Main Floor is not Sheathed per Design Drawings

SEOR to verify that the decks without plywood sheathing have sufficient diaphragm strength
to drag seismic forces to shear walls. The SEOR should consider specifying diagonal
sheathing to increase the deck diaphragm strength and stiffness.

## 3.7 Posts Supporting Exterior Decks at Rear of House have Large Unbraced Length

 We recommend the contractor verify the installed posts match the sizes shown on the framing plans. We also recommend the structural drawings be updated to eliminate this inconsistency.

### 3.8 Depressed Floor Framing at Bar Area

 We recommend the SEOR verify the adequacy of the framing including the nailing of each connection.

### 3.9 Potentially Under-Reinforced Retaining Walls

 SEOR to confirm retaining wall design is sufficient to support design soil loads. If non-default soil properties are used in calculations, SEOR shall substantiate the use of such properties with the geotechnical engineer.

#### 3.10 Analysis of Northwest Wall Line (facing the Lake)

- We recommend the SEOR substantiate by calculation the seismic force resisting elements and their respective connections at each level of the northwest wall line for compliance with Code-level seismic forces, including the overstrength factor as required per ASCE 7-10 Section 12.3.3.3.
- SGH requests that the SEOR verify that our interpretation of the schedule, with respect to the shear wall blocking, is accurate.

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# 3.11 Special Inspection Requirements for Post-Installed Anchors

SEOR to verify post-installed anchors have been installed with special inspection.

# 3.12 Straps on Roof

We recommend SEOR verify installation of roof straps by non-destructive means.

## 3.13 Posts at Middle Floor is Installed Out-of-plumb

• We recommend the SEOR review our detail and verify it provides an adequate load path for the framing supporting the balcony. The review should include a decision whether to include the tension strap shown in the detail.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information regarding the issues identified above.

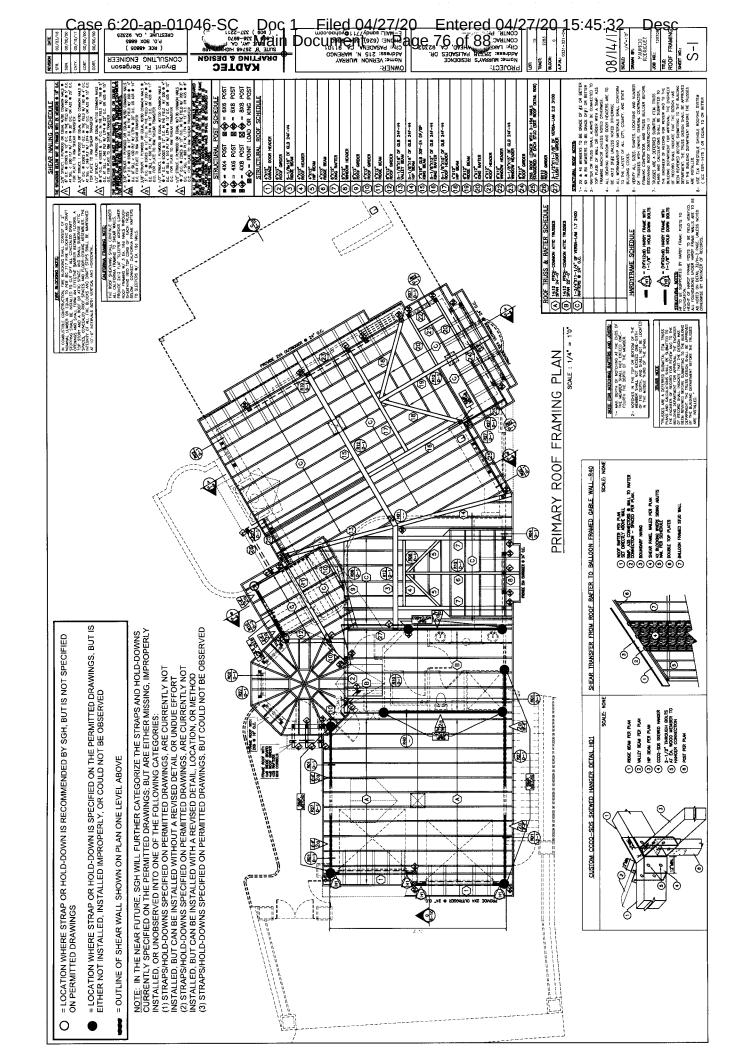
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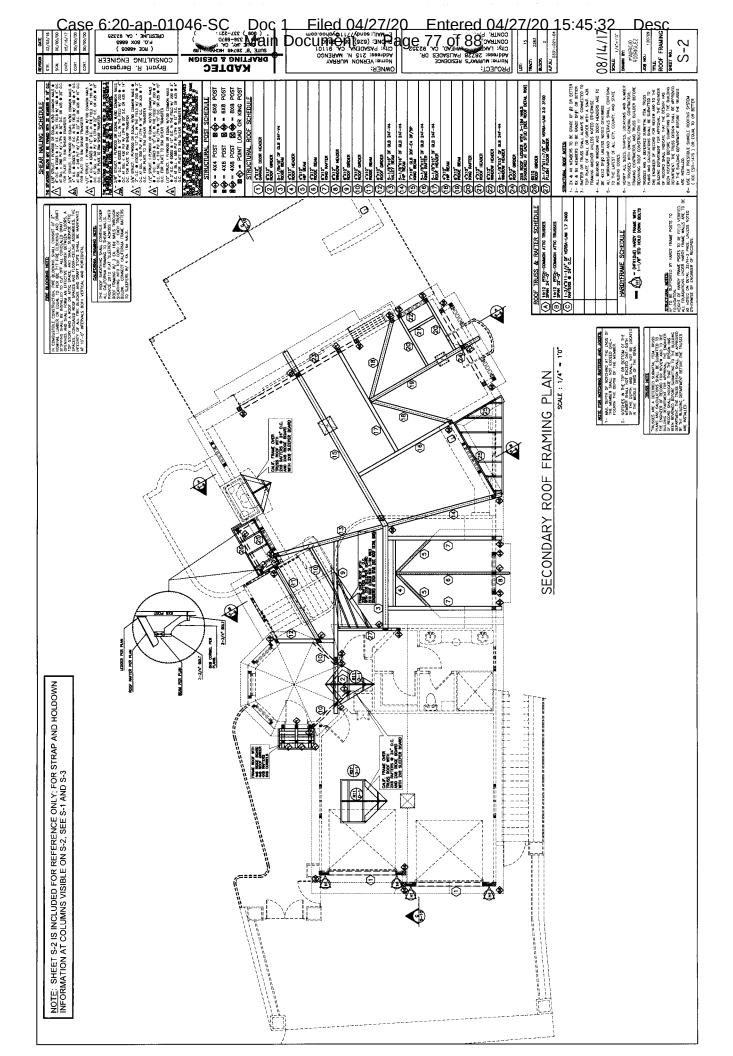
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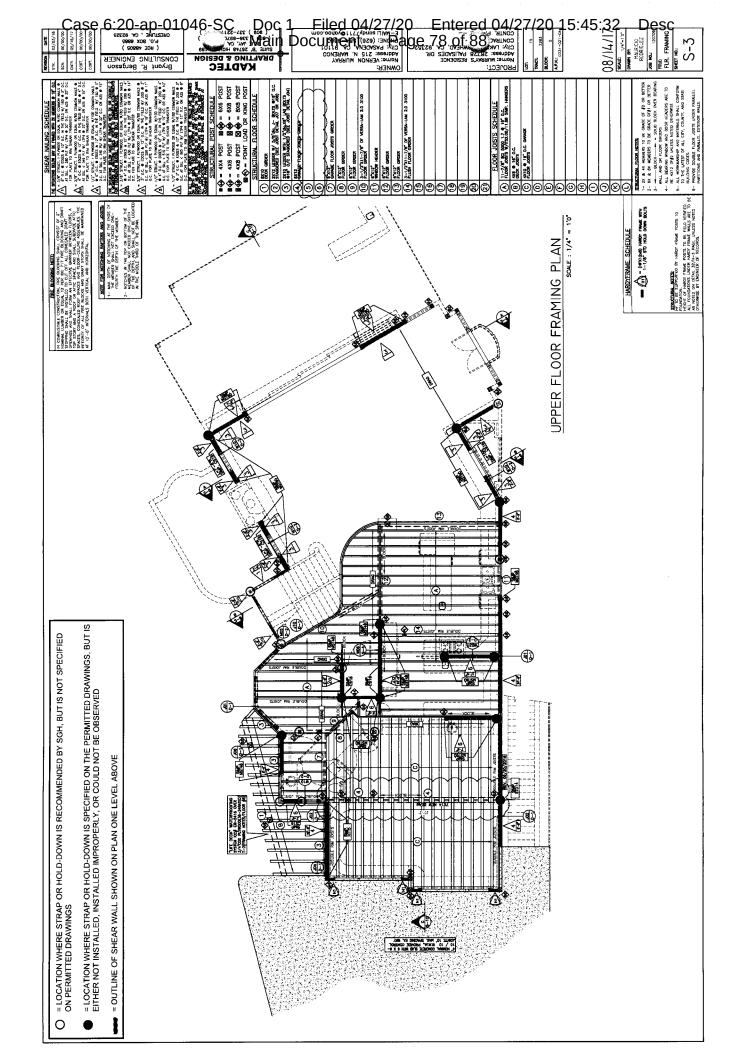
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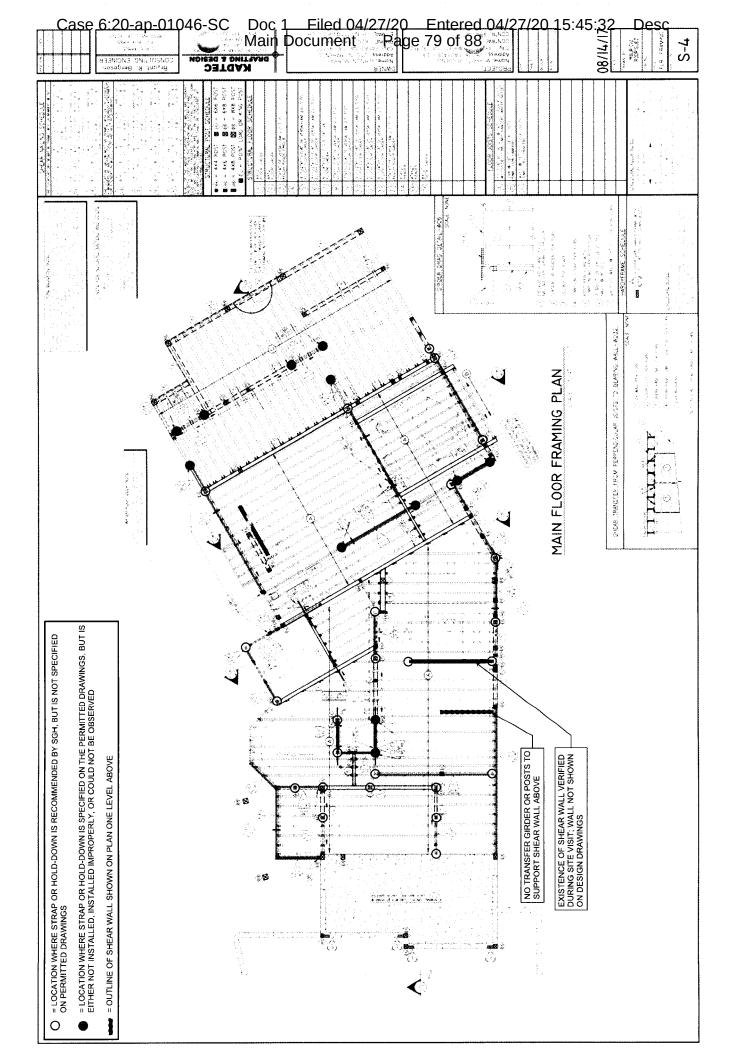
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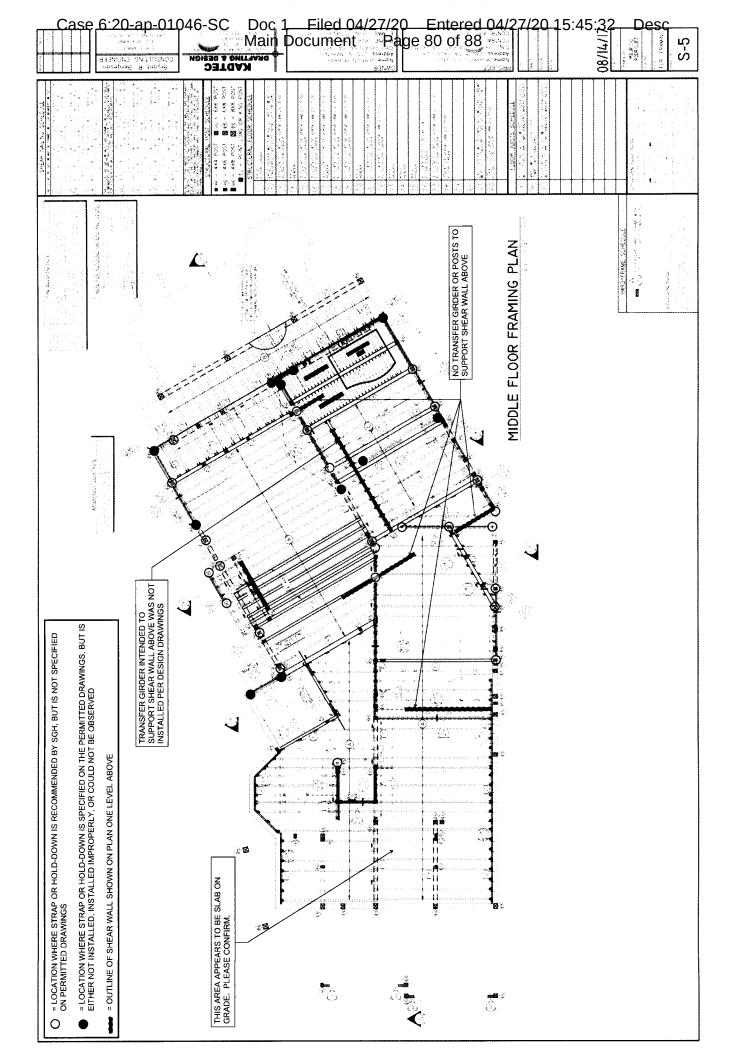
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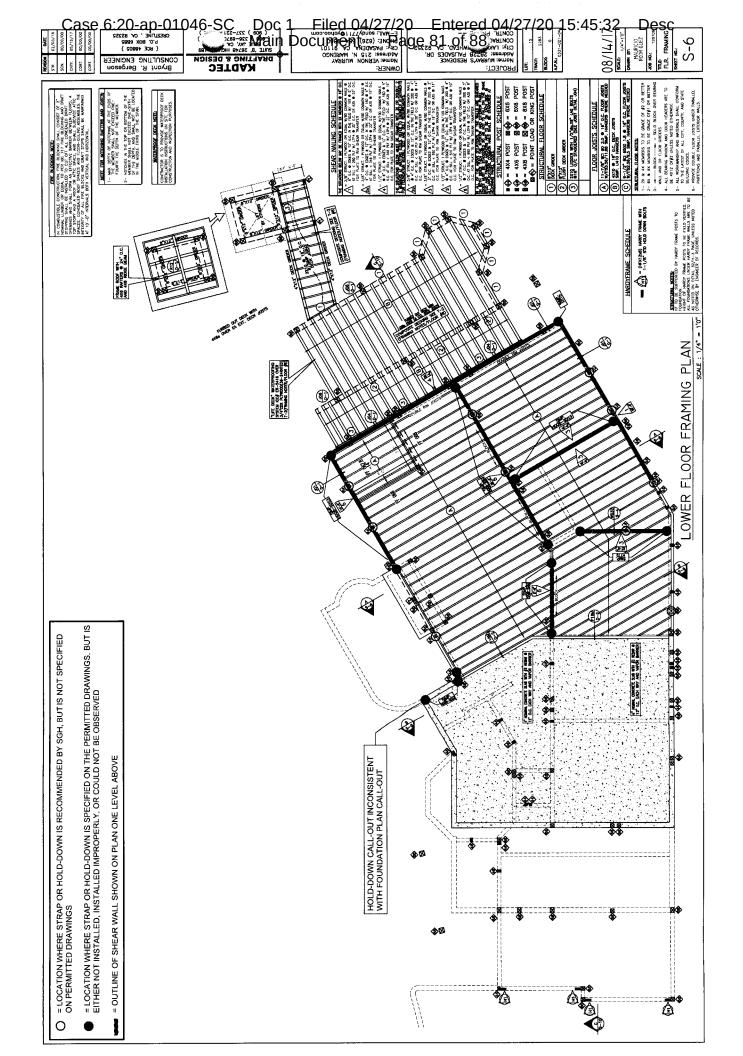


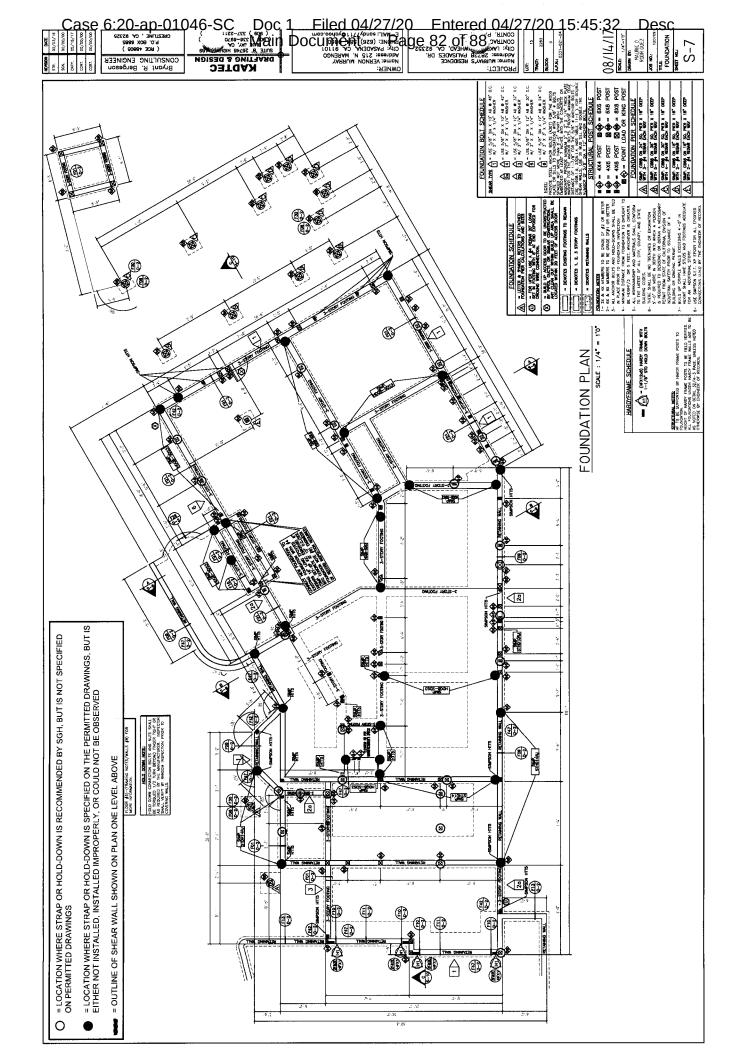




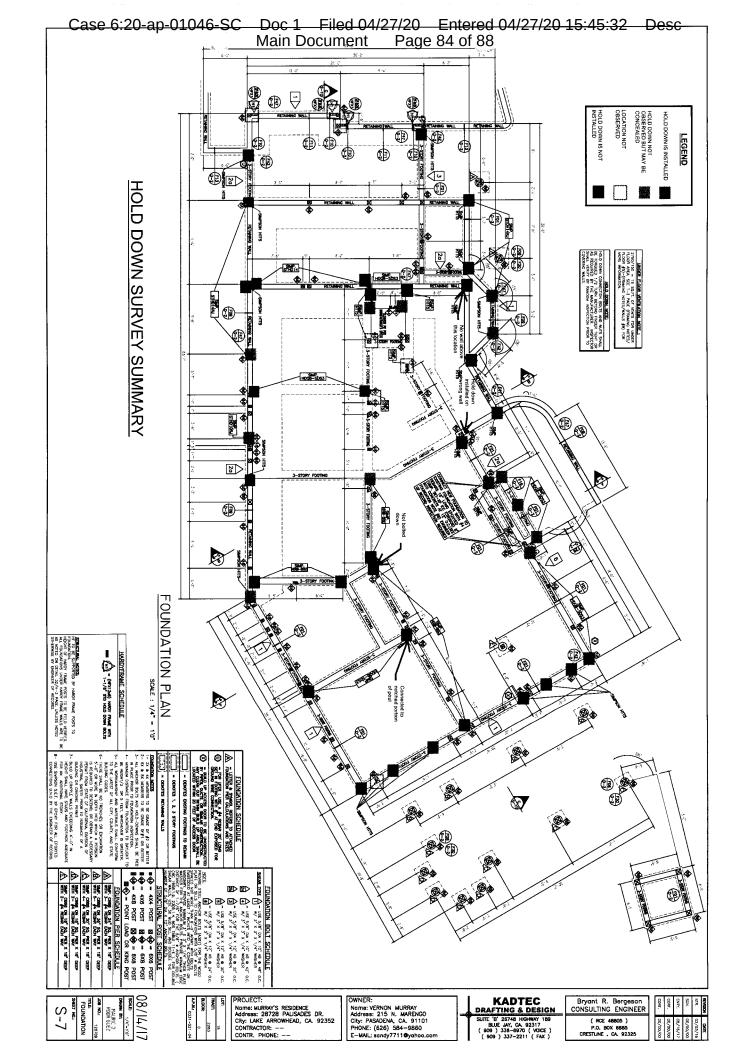








Attachment B



**Attachment C** 

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PARTY (Check One Box Only)  Debtor U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin Creditor Trustee	PARTY (Check One Box Only)  Debtor Creditor Other Trustee		
and Specifications. These actions were fraudulent and false per USC solutions verbal inspection reports that the home was constructed one foot higher substantial damages.	capacity of general contractor for the purpose of inducing Plaintiffs to for work that had not been completed at all or did not comply with Plans Section 523(a) (2)(A). Debtor also falsly represented in written and or than permitted with the County and concealed that fact causing		
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### INSTRUCTIONS

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Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and the defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and in the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

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